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AS WIFE RECEIVES SUSPENDED SENTENCE...

Local pensioner (67) is jailed after £40,000 benefits fraud

by AJ SICLUNA

A PAIR of pensioners who carried out a planned scheme to unlawfully obtain benefits of more than £40,000 while having £250,000 in the bank, while one was working, and while they received money from the profits of a sale of a house, have been given prison sentences at Cardiff Crown Court.

Edwin Brain (67), a taxi driver with no previous convictions, who was said by Judge Michael Fitton to be "the prime mover" who manipulated accounts and ran the scheme, was jailed for 12 months.

His wife, 71-year-old Lynda Brain, was jailed for eight months, the sentence suspended for 18 months.

The couple, from Beechwood Grove, Pencoed, each admitted two charges of fraud.

Said the Judge: "This was fraudulent activity over a seven-year period of time."

The Judge said Edwin Brain had shown little remorse and had said: "There are thousands of other people doing it."

Prosecutor Patrick Llewellyn said the couple falsely obtained more than £40,000 in benefits, failing to indicate a change in their circumstances while having £260,000 in a bank account.

They failed to disclose Edwin Brain's income as a taxi driver and from "unknown sources".

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National Assembly Election sees the public go to the polls

AS The GEM was hitting the streets, people were heading for the polls to vote in the election for the National Assembly for Wales.

Electors have two votes one to elect their constituency member and one to elect their regional member.

TAYA'S STORY TAKES HER ALL THE WAY TO A BBC GRAND FINAL!

by PHILIP IRWIN

A YEAR-5 schoolgirl at Corneli Primary School has been selected from 123,000 rivals in a BBC Radio 2 short story competition.

Taya Beechey entered the competition, on Chris Evans' breakfast show, where children were asked to submit a 500-word story.

Getting this far in the competition means that Taya and her mother, Emma, will be travelling to London later this month for the '500 Words Final' – live from Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.

Taya wrote a piece called *Dear Diary* - written from the point of view of a young Syrian girl, living with her aunt in a refugee camp with winter approaching.

Out of those 123,000 entries, Taya was one of 50 selected and her story is now on the Radio 2 website, read by the actress Susan Jameson (You can hear the story on this link *http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/2qy3R4zkqGkQtw5cWXDx85Z/dear-diary*).

The competition is split into two age groups - 5 to 9, and 10 to 13, with 25 selected from each group, and Taya is one of the 25 in the 5 to 9 group.

Taya and her classmate Ashley-May Drew are also in the regional final of the County Book Challenge, an inter-schools book quiz run by the library service.

Staff at the school are delighted for Taya. The headteacher, Neil Clode, said: "Taya is a fantastic example for the rest of the children.

"It shows what can be achieved when you make the best of your skills."

Kirsty Evans taught Taya in year-1, and remembers her very well. She said: "Taya was always diligent and hardworking. On top of that, she does so much for charity."

She certainly has put her mind to charitable projects. Last year, Taya had her hair cut off for charity at Porthcawl's Newton Music Festival, and the previous year, she sat on Porthcawl promenade and read stories to passers-by in exchange for a charitable donation to the Philippines disaster fund.

Taya is also a member of the Bridgend Youth Theatre juniors, and will be on stage in June when they put on their latest production, *The Vackies*, about child evacuees during World War Two.

Clearly, you don't excel in a story-writing competition without being an avid reader. Taya's favourite authors are David Walliams and Roald Dahl, but she also likes old favourites like Enid Blyton.

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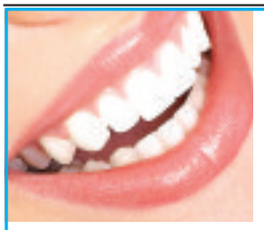
Taya Beechey is in the final of a BBC Radio 2 short story competition.



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PROTESTORS DELIVER OPEN CAST PETITION

PETITIONS were recently handed in asking the Welsh Government to secure the promised, agreed, signed and sealed restoration of Park Slip Margam Opencast site as detailed in the April 2013 Local Authority-commissioned Restoration Scheme, and objecting to the alternative restoration plans to be decided by the local councils in early May.

Signatures totalled 1,330 on the locally circulated and the online petitions.

Over 273 letters of objection had been handed in to the councils in March, as well as several independently written objections, together with 599 signatures on an online petition objecting to the alternative plans.

The Welsh Government has now put a holding decision on the councils.

Handing in the petition to Peter Greening at The Senedd.

The planning officer's reports to committee recommend acceptance of the alternative plans.

It is hoped that the committees might be influenced to refuse the plans and refer the matter to the Welsh Government.

The people of this area have waited 26 years for some of this site to be restored and eight years after the end of coaling they want "everything put back as it was", as it was always promised.

They don't want the alternative which is no restoration of any kind leaving a deep, cold, dangerous, flooded hole on their doorsteps, and the land heaped with tips where there were green fields, footpaths, bridleways and two cross-valley roads.

We've waited long enough, we want the job done properly; a good investment for the future, unlike the alternative which will require ongoing maintenance costs and will be a danger for ever.

Once the 120 metre deep hole is drained and filled with the onsite tips and the landform restored, then possibilities for an imaginative, beneficial restoration can move forward.

It could be a site for equestrian, cycling, rambling, fishing and boating activities.

Jan Adamson.

British Legion concert in Porthcawl

THE Porthcawl Royal British Legion held a 'Poppy' Concert at All Saints Church, Porthcawl, on Saturday, April 23.

The concert raised £678. Porthcawl Royal British Legion would like to thank the Porthcawl Male Choir, Sounds Familiar mixed choir, Bethan, Angharad and Meinor, who performed as a trio.

All who took part gave excellent performances and enthralled the audience.

Thanks must also be given to all the standard bearers, Robert Young, the trumpeter who concluded the Remembrance part of the evening, with Geraint John on the organ and everyone singing the national anthems.

Thanks to all the cadet forces, the Rector Philip Masson for allowing the use of All Saints Church, and providing refreshments in the concert interval.

Finally, thanks to the audience for coming and raising £678 for the RBL Porthcawl Poppy Appeal.

Ray Street, Secretary, Porthcawl Royal British Legion.

'Thank you for saving my life'

THIS week I had the privilege of meeting Mr Mark Jones of Wick, while walking my dog.

About 18 months ago, I was walking my (then new) dog on a lead on the coastal path near my home. The dog gave a sudden unexpected jerk to the right, and this toppled me over into a gully at the side of the path, banging my head against a stone at its bottom, and knocking me out.

Mark saw this happen and took over.

He pulled my tongue forward so that I could breathe, hauled me to sit on a nearby bench, found my telephone, rang my wife, who told him I was taking the drug Warfarin.

He rang for the ambulance, my wife came to be with me, and brought neighbours who took over the dog's care.

The ambulance took my wife and I to Accident and Emergency at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.

At A&E I had immediate attention, including a head scan to make sure my brain was not bleeding, and I was discharged after three hours, when they were sure I would be OK.

I was particularly pleased to meet Mark again. It was good to be able to thank him for doing exactly the right things at the right time – which probably saved my life. I would like his perfect deed recognised.

Robin Eggleston, Ogmore-by-Sea.

Llynfi patient group's appeal

PATIENT participation groups are generally made up of volunteer patients and the practice manager and, if possible, one or more of the GPs.

They meet to discuss the services on offer and how improvements can be made for patients and the practice.

Since 1995. there has been a patients' participation committee at Llynfi Surgery, Maesteg, which was formed to bring patients complaints and concerns to the attention of the surgery manager and to get updates on procedures or changes at the surgery.

Another aim is to raise funds to assist in the purchasing of equipment for the surgery.

Over the period the committee was formed, many thousands of pounds have been raised and much-needed equipment purchased, including two defibrillators which have proved invaluable over the last few years.

At present the committee has only five members. These include Mr Talfyn Harries, chairman (01656 711078); Mr Vaughan Harries, vice chairman (01656 734726); Mrs Tess White, secretary, (01656 732392); Mrs Vi Millar, treasurer, and Mr Viv Gage Bryn.

In order for the committee to go on, we are asking that if anyone would be interested in joining, we meet at Llynfi surgery bi-monthly on a Wednesday between 2pm and 3pm and interested parties are welcome to call any committee member who would be happy to explain the purpose of these meetings.

Over the last year, fundraising has included a cheese and wine evening and a Christmas raffle, which raised £750 in total so any help in these activities would also be much appreciated.

Llynfi Surgery Committee

President thanked for her service

THE AGM of Pen-y-Fai WI took place on April 18. Members received the annual reports and a speech by president Jean Griffiths, in which she stepped down from her post due to family commitments.

Jean was thanked by the newly-elected president Angela Smith for all her hard work and dedication over many years, and was presented with a gift from all members.

The treasurer's report again showed Pen-y-Fai to have a healthy surplus of funds due in part to another increase in membership.

The events secretary gave a summary of both the varied speakers enjoyed by members during the past year, as well as all the activities they had participated in.

Trips had been organised both near and far; such as Llanelly House and the Thursford Christmas Spectacular.

Glamorgan Federation trips included the centenary WI exhibition in Beaumaris, and a weekend course at the Denham College in Oxford.

Members were reminded that the 'Link' meeting would be hosted by Pen-y-Fai WI during which they will be treated to a performance by 'Old Spice', a barbershop quartet.

Pen-y-Fai WI meet every third Monday of the month at Pen-y-Fai Church in Wales School at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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Who wants to build what, and where, in Bridgend?

JW Morris – **Morris House, South Road, Bridgend Ind Estate** – Three-sided corporate sign fixed to pole.

Mrs Diane Raybould – **Flat D, St John's Court, 1 Beach Road, Newton** – Re-pollard one weeping ash; fell two silver birch and one sycamore; crown lift one sycamore.

Mr Mark Jones – **6 Mary Street, Porthcawl** – Additional first floor bedroom over existing kitchen extension.

Mr AR Thomas – **Oakdale, Heol Y Geifr, Pencoed** – Discharge of Condition 3 of P/15/394/FUL.

Mr I Beatty – **174 Newton Nottage Road, Porthcawl** – Single storey extension on three sides of existing property.

Maesteg Celtic Bowling Club – **Garth Welfare Park, Bridgend Road, Maesteg** – Retention of existing metal storage container.

Mr Anthony Thorne – **Church View, Victoria Buildings, Coytrahen** – Widening of existing driveway and drop kerb.

Mr Michael Harris – **Land adjacent to 25 Cefn Glas Road, Bridgend** – Outline application for a detached dwelling.

Reading Agricultural Consultant – **Coed Parc, off A473 Coychurch** – Replacement hay barn and machinery store.

Mr and Mrs P Hawkins – **The Old Stables, Cefn Cribwr, Bridgend** – Creation of outdoor riding arena 40m x 20m.

Davies Logistis Ltd – **Plot 54, Chilcott Avenue, Brynmenyn Industrial Estate, Bridgend** – Vehicle inspection and testing building.

Marcus Thomson & Michael – **Grass verge at Kingsway, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Bridgend** – Amend Condition 1 of P/14/97/FUL to include business partner's name on the planning consent.

Mr Paul Rossini – **5 South Road, Porthcawl** – Retention of two small windows to south elevation (amendment to P/14/118/FUL).

Mr Anthony West – **88 Marlas Road, Pyle** – Attic conversion and dormer to side.

Ms F & A Wickham – **Land adjacent Three Horseshoes, Lamb Row, South Cornelly** – Four new dwellings (two semi-detached two bedroom dwellings and two semi-detached two bedroom bungalows).

HD Ltd – **Island Farm Institute of Sport, Merthyr Mawr, Bridgend** – Approval of details for conditions 2, 4, 5 and 10 of P/14/824/RES.

HD Ltd – **Island Farm Institute of Sport, Merthyr Mawr, Bridgend** – Approval of details for conditions 33 and 34 of P/08/1114/OUT.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 12)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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05 Thur	05.55	9.8	18.16	9.9
06 Fri	06.41	10.3	19.05	10.5
07 Sat	07.29	10.5	19.53	10.6
08 Sun	08.18	10.6	20.39	10.5
09 Mon	09.04	10.3	21.21	10.2
10 Tues	09.51	10.1	22.08	10.0
11 Wed	10.33	9.5	22.54	9.4
12 Thur	11.21	8.9	23.44	8.8

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SOROPTIMISTS ANNOUNCE THEIR NEW PRESIDENT

BRIDGEND Soroptimists have a new president. At their AGM on April 27 at the Heronston Hotel, Bridgend, Sue Davies (*pictured left*), was installed as president for the coming year.

Outgoing president Bethan thanked all members for their support during her term of office and wished Sue well for the coming months.

Over the past year, members of Bridgend Soroptimist Club have used the dark, winter nights busily knitting blankets for the charity which provides maternity care and clothing to babies of African mothers.

Angela Gorman, from Cardiff, was instrumental in setting up this initiative and regularly travels to Africa to oversee the safe delivery and distribution of large quantities of clothing generously donated by people of south Wales.

A total of 65 baby blankets, from Bridgend Soroptimists, are now on their way to be given to needy families.

Before handing the blankets to Angela, the members couldn't resist modelling them and displaying a rainbow of brilliant colours (pictured above).

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Outgoing president makes presentation to Barnardo's charity

OUTGOING Bridgend Soroptimist president Bethan was delighted to present a cheque for £1,000 to Laura Tranter from Barnardo's at the recent AGM.

Members had raised the funds throughout the year holding a beetle drive, tombola, silent auction, together with raffles and craft sales.

Shown, left to right, are Laura Tranter (Barnardo's), outgoing president Bethan and treasurer Anne Hughes.

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Marathon walk is a family affair

Kieran and Helen.
Photo by M Leadbetter.

IT was not the normal Sunday stroll for Kenfig Hill Air Cadet Sgt Kieran Leadbetter and his mother Mrs Helen Leadbetter, who is a member of the Squadron Civilian Welfare Committee, when they completed a 26 mile marathon and were still smiling at the end.

It was a family affair as Mr Mark Leadbetter, chairman of the Squadron CWC, and Cdt Cpl Courtney Williams were there to offer support.

The walk started at Avebury Stone Circle in Wiltshire, ending at Old Carter Barracks Bulford Camp, passing through Redhorn, Salisbury Plain and the stones at Stonehenge.

Cdt Sgt Leadbetter raised approximately £140 for the squadron. Squadron Leader Barry C Thomas, Officer Commanding 2117 (Kenfig Hill), said he was very pleased that Cdt Sgt Leadbetter and Mrs Leadbetter had taken it upon themselves to raise funds for the squadron, and congratulated them on their marathon effort.

The RAF Air Cadets offer a wide range of activities and interest that would appeal to most young people, so if you are aged between 12 and school year-8 (up to just before your 17th birthday) why not come along to an RAF Air Cadet Squadron near you and see what we can offer.

Details of local squadrons can be found by Googling No3 Welsh Wing Air Cadets or for 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron email adj.2117@aircadets.org

CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Drug dealer receives six-year sentence

DRUGS with a value of £14,400 were discovered when police searched a house in North Cornelly, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

There was also £7,760 in cash, said prosecutor John Warren.

Simon Morelli (40) of Llwyn Derwyn, North Cornelly, was jailed for six years and two months after pleading guilty to possessing heroin and amphetamine with intent to supply.

Judge Michael Fitton said he was satisfied Morelli played a leading role in drug dealing on a commercial scale.

"Your offending is aggravated by your terrible record of convictions," he said.

Mr Warren said that on March 9, police went to Morelli's home, a semi-detached property, and spotted a number of individuals, including Morelli, in the vicinity of a shed.

In a bedroom in the house, they found a box containing a plastic bag with 1.139 grammes of amphetamine, worth about £7,200. It had been adulterated.

They also found heroin also worth up to £7,200.

Two sets of scales were found and in another bedroom, the officers came across cash totalling £7,760.

On Morelli's mobile phone were 3,000 pages of text messages indicating that he was involved in a "commercial enterprise" dealing in drugs, said Mr Warren.

When taken to a police station, he refused to leave his cell and remained silent when questioned.

He was said to have previous convictions for robbery, wounding with intent, possessing a firearm with ammunition, and possessing class A drugs with intent to supply.

His solicitor, Matthew Henson, said: "He is a heroin and amphetamine addict and would take them on a daily basis.

"It was an expensive addiction and he would buy drugs in bulk, use some for himself and supply to cover the cost."

Judge Michael Fitton said he didn't accept that Morelli was supplying to fund his own habit.

He was ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £120.

Brackla man (24) filmed teenager in the shower

A TEENAGE girl felt "utterly violated" when a stranger filmed her when she was naked having a shower, it was stated at Cardiff Crown Court.

The man responsible, Russell Browning (24) of Ton Rhos, Brackla, Bridgend, who had no previous convictions, pleaded guilty to three charges of voyeurism and one of making indecent images of another child.

Judge Niclas Parry said: "This was a serious violation of the privacy of the victims and their dignity."

Browning was sentenced to a community order for three years and made subject to a full month's curfew from 7pm to 6am.

He was ordered to have no unsupervised contact with a child under 18 for five years and to register as a sex offender for five years.

Prosecutor Joanna James said last October, the first girl complained to the police about the actions of Browning on three occasions over three weeks, filming her on a mobile phone through a window.

She later said she had felt "utterly violated". When Browning was arrested, he admitted filming the girl because he wanted to see what she looked like naked.

He also disclosed that he had "inadvertently" indecently filmed another teenage girl.

There was no suggestion, said Ms James, that the images went on the internet.

Browning's solicitor, David Singh, said: "By his pleas, the victims did not have to give evidence. He recognises that what he did was wholly inappropriate and he has paid a heavy price for his actions."

He added that his parents regarded what he did as abhorrent and that his actions were not commercially motivated.

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Sker WI – 50 years old and still 'Inspiring Women'

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SKER WI celebrated 50 years with a birthday supper at the Hi-Tide on Monday, April 25. There were 60 members – past and present – including two WI advisers attending.

Three founder members were there: Fay Adams, Nina Charlesworth, and Beryl Hughes. The tables were decorated with gold balloons and lovely flower arrangements by Yvonne Gutteridge. Following the meal there were two cakes: one sponge, the other a fruit cake, to be enjoyed with tea or coffee.

The Porthcawl Ukulele Band provided the entertainment which was enjoyed by all.

Three members, Avril Questle, Gloria Long and Mary Whittingham also celebrate birthdays this week. Everybody attending received a pen as a memento.

Many thanks must go to all those who helped make the evening a success and hope the branch carries on for many more years.

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COR BRO OGWR'S NICHOLAS BROMILOW IN FITTING FAREWELL PERFORMANCE

COR Bro Ogwr's 'Mainly Mozart' concert in All Saints' Church, Porthcawl was a fitting tribute to its conductor, Nicholas Bromilow.

Choir, soloists and orchestra combined to give a magnificent performance, the highlight of which was Mozart's Requiem, sung with passion and confidence. It was pleasing to see such a large audience, with Madeleine Moon, Carwyn Jones (our president), Wyn Griffiths, Town and Borough Mayors also attending.

At the end of the evening Nick thanked choir and audience, paying special tribute to our long time accompanist Glenn Crooks.

He told the choir committee that he had never met such a hardworking group, and thanked chairman John Trotter personally for his help and encouragement. Recently, Nick has taken on more choirs and studies and felt no longer able to give Cor Bro Ogwr the time it deserved.

He expressed his gratitude for the experience the choir had given him and under his baton, we too have learned much. Our former conductor, Edward-Rhys Harry is stepping in for the summer term while the choir auditions for a new conductor. *For more information call 01446 775356.*

The choir's social life continues with their annual dinner, this year held at The Heronston Hotel. In a week's time a coach load of our choristers will be joining other choirs from all over the country at The Royal Albert Hall, London, for a scratch performance of Verdi's Requiem, under the baton of conductor Brian Kay.

The soloists.

This is an event organised by The Really Big Chorus and it's always exciting to meet and sing with so many others. Cor Bro Ogwr was formed 18 years ago following a performance of the Requiem by what was Eisteddfod Choir in Bridgend, so this work holds many memories for us.

Our next concert is on Friday, July 15 at All Saints' Church.

DOMINIQUE SPEAREY

PORTHCAWL WWI NEWS FROM MAY 1915

CERI JOSEPH of Porthcawl Museum continues her look at life in Porthcawl during World War One – this month it's May 1915.

IT was the death of Lt Col Frank Gaskell on May 15 that overshadowed events this month.

Lt Col Gaskell died as a result of wounds inflicted by a sniper, while patrolling a line of trenches in France.

At the outbreak of war Captain Gaskell, 2nd Battalion Welsh Regiment, part of the BEF was posted to France on September 19, 1914.

While recuperating at home after being wounded in action, he was promoted to the rank of Major and asked to raise the 16th Welsh Regiment (Cardiff City Battalion).

Although this regiment was raised in Cardiff it was actually formed in Porthcawl, as that was where Major Gaskell was living at the time.

On November 25, 1914, he was promoted once again, to the rank of temporary Lieutenant Colonel, officially appointed commanding officer to the 16th Welsh.

Leaving Porthcawl in December 1914, the next eight months were spent training in Colwyn Bay and Winchester with other units of the 38th (Welsh) Division before embarking for France December 4, 1915.

Once in France the regiment moved around continuously, but while patrolling in the Moated Grange/ Riez Bailleul Sector, Lt Col Frank Gaskell was shot by a sniper on May 15, 1916.

The bullet hit his ammunition pouches causing them to explode. He died of his wounds at Merville Hospital on May 17, 1916 and his body is buried at Merville cemetery.

Although best remembered in Cardiff, Frank had forged strong ties with Porthcawl. In 1913, during his National Reserve recruitment drive, along with Captain John L Lambert, he had his son Reginald christened at the local Catholic church in New Road. In the year after his death, his wife, Violet and his two sons (Francis Henry being born January 1, 1916) moved permanently to 3, Esplanade Avenue, Porthcawl.

On May 23, 1916 another soldier associated with the town was killed. Rifleman Sidney Charles Bush, 2nd Battalion, London Regiment (First Surrey Rifles) was killed as part of a British counter-attack at Vimy Ridge.

Sidney's body was not recovered and as a result he is remembered on the Arras Memorial.

The year before, Sidney's father John Bush, following the death of his wife, had moved from London to Porthcawl for work. A carpenter by trade, he lodged at Grosvenor House, Dock Street. John was to remain in Porthcawl, taking up residence in Fenton Place, where he died in March 1928.

Both Lt Col Gaskell and Rifleman Bush died during a time when the British Army was preoccupied with planning and mobilizing for the 'big push' that was to explode on July 1: the Battle of the Somme.

The British Commander in Chief Sir Douglas Haig's presence in the Somme area was mentioned in Private Thomas Aubrey Brown's diary: '25th May – We were inspected by Sir D Haig.'

Private Brown, Royal Scots Greys of 46, Sunnyside Road, Bridgend, had landed in France in March as part of the General Cavalry Brigade. The role of the cavalry was diminishing in its effectiveness due to the mud and the lack of mobility of trench warfare. According to Private Brown, their time was spent constantly on the move; patrolling the surrounding area, training or moving equipment.

Yet he gives an insight into the great loss of men during the Somme months when he writes that, in August, his unit was dismounted and ordered to support the infantry in the trenches at Gommecourt while awaiting the reserves' arrival.

What is Private Brown's link with Porthcawl? As Aubrey Brown, he was the Clerk of the Works that oversaw the building of New Road School's extension, 1915 and his grand-daughter is writing this article.

The May 18 edition of the Porthcawl News announced that the Home Office had issued the following public notice:

'Important alteration of Time: In the night of Saturday – Sunday, May 20 – 21, at 2am, the time on all railways, at all post offices, and other Government establishments will be put forward one hour to 3 am.'

British Summer Time ended on October 1 that year. It was stated that: 'The altered time will be used for all ordinary purposes during the summer. For instance, licensed houses, factories and workshops, and other establishments where hours are regulated by law.' Apart from the Second World War and the late 60s, the tradition has continued to this day.

Events at home included the sudden death of Mr Jack Davies, a master painter, cornet player and proprietor of the Knights Arms public house.

The perennial call for public toilets to be erected at Newton continued, and Tom and Cassie Russell of Philadelphia Road came before the Bridgend Magistrates for misappropriating shrubs from 'The Wilderness'; land owned by Mr George Blundell.

Being a soldier, Tom Russell was let off with a caution but his wife, Cassie, was fined 5/-.

On May 25, PC Lawrence of Canton was posted to the Porthcawl Police Station to strengthen the local police force.

A casualty of the first Battle of Ypres, PC Lawrence, 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards, was invalided home after which he rejoined the Glamorgan Constabulary.

At the Porthcawl Urban District Council meeting that month, a discussion on conscientious objectors took place. Quite indelicately, Mr T James, chairman expressed his view when asked if such persons could be given work to help the war effort; for example, by working at the Porthcawl sewerage works.

His reply was: ' "If they can't fight Germans, they can't fight germs." (Laughter.)' Sadly, the resolution to deny them the work was carried.

Thank goodness we are more understanding today.

Sergeant WJ Ridall, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, former porter on the Porthcawl Railway Station, arrived home on Saturday, May 18 for seven days leave. Tragically, Sgt Ridall was not to see Porthcawl again as he was killed in action on August 25, 1916 at the Battle of Guillemont, during the Somme campaign. John Ridall's body was never recovered.

He is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial, the Somme, and on the Porthcawl War Memorial.

Finally, the month ended with news of the Battle of Jutland. The battle involved 250 ships and 100,000 men.

Off Denmark, it was the only naval battle that involved the Grand Fleets of both nations. Beginning on the afternoon of May 31, under the command of Admiral Jellicoe, the British fleet lost more ships and men.

However, the German fleet was left depleted as a fighting force and, consequently, focused on submarine warfare for the rest of the war.

HMS Obedient, commanded by George William McOran Campbell, participated in the Battle of Jutland as part of the 12th destroyer flotilla. She was later to transfer to the 4th destroyer flotilla, operating out of Devonport, in May 1918.

On November 25, 1921 she was sold for scrap to Hayes, Porthcawl.

Another ship that was broken up at Hayes was *HMS Musketeer*. In January, while sailing to join the fleet, she was stalled through having to save 400 men from the sinking of the battleship *HMS King Edward VII*, mined off Cape Wrath. Hayes was to break up 13 destroyers in Porthcawl's inner dock between 1919-1923.

Private TA Brown.

Lt Col Frank Gaskell

Taya's tale takes her to grand final

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Her BBC story is a sad one, with Taya putting herself in the shoes of a Syrian girl, forced to leave her home due to the civil war.

Taya's story – 'Dear Diary'

Sunday, January 3

Dear Diary,

Today is a good day. The aid workers came. They dropped off a food box and some blankets.

They gave me a new pair of brown leather boots. I have never had leather boots before.

Apparently, the boots were donated by a little girl in America. I wish I could thank her and give her a big hug.

We also had a stove given to us, so Auntie Ola can cook for us. Mother had always talked about a day like this.

I dreamt about her last night. She was standing in front of a mirror brushing her long, curly hair, singing to Father sweetly.

He was sitting listening to her contentedly. He was handsome looking, as he sat in his small wooden chair, he made the chair look bigger as he was so frail.

It is my ninth birthday next week, and I wonder what it would be like to have a birthday party in America. Everybody bouncing on orange and pink bouncy castles.

Me and my friends having a tea party out in the back garden, sipping homemade lemonade and scoffing sweet, fluffy cupcakes.

If I had friends here and I wasn't so poor, that is what I would be doing right now. Having tea in the back garden with Mother and Father.

Things couldn't be much worse for me and Auntie Ola. It has been a week since Auntie Ola arrived now. But everything is much worse since then.

It's so much colder. It's only been two weeks since Mother and Father passed away, and now we are also in grave danger.

I miss them so much. I miss the way that Mother used to gently kiss me on the forehead, and if Father was here right now, he would be wiping these tears from my cheeks.

Syria is frosting over. I can see clothes that have been hung up to dry, frozen. I can feel my fingers getting numb, even holding this pen is hard as my fingers are so cold, and I have never seen my Auntie so scared before.

Before this terrifying storm came, I said to Auntie Ola: "What if we, you know, die?"

After that, I remember the exact words that she said to me. Those words were: "Amena, I promised your mother, if anything should happen to her, I would look after you, and I will."

Then the storm hit, and now, here we are. Freezing to death on a frosted sheet where icicles hang over my head.

I pray every night. I pray to the heavens that Auntie Ola and I will make it through this winter, and I pray that the kind people from other countries continue to help us, and that this country would live in peace.

And if my country is not to live in peace, I hope we can escape from this dreadful place, and find a new home in Great Britain.

Auntie Ola said I should go to bed now, goodnight.

PENSIONER JAILED FOR BENEFIT FRAUD

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Said Mr Llewellyn: "Mrs Brain failed to disclose a profit of £67,000, the result of a sale of a house in Brynna in 2007."

Christopher Rees, for Lynda Brain, said she was of lesser culpability.

She was genuinely remorseful at what she had done.

He added: "She is of limited means, and is paying £29 a week back."

David Webster, for Edwin Brain, pointed out that he suffered from ill health with a number of conditions.

"He has acknowledged his guilt and repaid some."

Mr Webster said he has currently repaid £4,000. The Judge said that Edwin Brain was the "prime mover" who manipulated the accounts and ran the scheme.

He added: "It could be argued that there had been significant planning."

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Wales v France.

LOCAL SCHOOL HOSTS 60 FRENCH STUDENTS

ST Clare's School, Porthcawl, played host to 60 visiting students and staff from St Gilles School in France.

The annual visit was organised by Mr Keating, a retired French teacher at St John's School, Newton. Since the closure of St John's two years ago, the majority of pupils moved to neighbouring St Clare's School and took many traditions with them.

St Clare's beautiful grounds provided the perfect setting for an afternoon of tennis, rounders and football with the French guests, who also enjoyed a selection of songs from the school's forthcoming production of *The Lion King*.

At the end of a busy day, all the students enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea.

Headmaster Simon Antwis commented: "We were delighted to welcome our French visitors. Modern languages have always been an important part of our curriculum, but never more so than at present, when links with our European neighbours involve tourism, trade, agriculture and industry.

"Our students are very fortunate that we offer French and Spanish at A-Level as well as a fast-track Italian GCSE.

"We are very much looking forward to visiting St Gilles soon."

St Clare's School is proud to be a corporate member of PSSTTA, the Porthcawl San Sebastien Town Twinning Association.

To find out more about the school's production of *The Lion King* at the end of June, contact marketing on 01656 789966.

What's French for 'selfie'?!

The Newport Ship, THE 'MARY ROSE' OF SOUTH WALES

ON April 21 2016, Cowbridge U3A History Group welcomed Mr Phil Cox, the Chair of the Friends of Newport Ship.

The audience heard an excellent presentation about the vessel found in 2002 in Newport during excavations for the new riverside theatre.

The large merchant ship had been well-preserved by the anoxic river sediment, although the stern had been destroyed by the recent pile driving.

Erroneously called 'the Newport Boat' at times, the vessel was certainly a ship (the old naval adage that 'a ship carries boats' is a good way to remember the difference).

The archaeologists moved in and building work was severely delayed, costing Newport Council £1.2 million.

In August 2002, the site was opened to the public; there were 17,000 visitors on the first day, with up to 10,000 on the second, prompting a successful campaign to preserve the ship.

The vessel had to be de-constructed to remove it from the preserving mud and when the keel was lifted, a skeleton was found.

It proved to be unconnected with the ship; it was that of a young man, who had lived in the 4th Century. He had been beheaded and had had his feet cut off, before his body had been put in the Usk, to float downstream to rest in the Newport mud.

Every piece of the 2,000 significant timbers was documented and imaged. Digital reconstruction and analysis indicated a two-decked, three-masted ship at least 35 metres long (over 110 feet), with a beam of around 8 metres (26 feet), weighing 400 tons and capable of carrying 75 tons of cargo. Her crew would have numbered 30-50.

Dendrochronology data was consistent with a vessel built around 1449 in the Basque region of Spain, able to withstand Bay of Biscay storms.

Sometime around 1468, she had ended her career in an inlet of the Usk in Newport.

The recovered timbers were soaked in water, cleaned and then left in solutions of polyethylene glycol (PEG) to preserve them, followed by freeze-drying. This work benefited greatly from knowledge gained during the conservation efforts on Portsmouth's *Mary Rose*.

Artefacts were found: coins, merchants' tokens, an hour glass, screw heads, pottery shards, combs, a knife, parts of a helmet, an archer's wrist brace, and 13 single shoes.

One coin, a French silver petit blanc, identified as minted in 1447, had been set in a timber, probably as a good luck charm during construction.

There were also human fleas, bones (chicken, pig and 17 types of fish), seeds, nuts and various fruits.

A document in the Earl of Warwick's archives names a vessel as the *Marie de Bayonne* at Newport; this may well be the ship found in the mud.

Visitors are welcome to learn more at the Newport Medieval Ship Centre, which is open Fridays, Saturdays and Bank Holidays. See www.newportship.org for the latest details.

As it was the Queen's 90th birthday, an enjoyable meeting concluded with celebratory tea and cakes – a treat welcomed by all. **SPM**

The LAMBS celebrate English saint!

IN recent years the LAMBS local history group has organised annual events celebrating important dates in different parts of the UK.

Having held evenings celebrating Burns Night, St David's Day and St Patrick's Day in the past three years, it was St George's turn to be the subject of this year's celebration.

On Friday, April 15 he rode into Llansannor Community Hall on his white charger for a lighthearted celebration linked with a recognition of the Queen's 90th birthday.

The end wall of the hall was splendidly decorated with a reproduction by Deborah Bowditch of the medieval wall painting in Llancarfan Church depicting St George slaying the dragon.

The 43 guests were offered a welcoming drink of English wine, English ale, Somerset scrumpy cider or Cornish mead.

They then sat down to a thoroughly English meal lovingly prepared by many members of the local community. The fare consisted of Stilton and broccoli soup, Lancashire hotpot, Bakewell tart and Eton mess.

A concluding cheese course was enlivened by a competition between tables to identify five individual types of English cheese.

Guests were then treated to a hugely enjoyable session of musical entertainment by the excellent Porthcawl Ukulele Band, including traditional English numbers, offering several opportunities to sing along with the band.

Afterwards, the LAMBS chair thanked the band, all LAMBS members and others who had contributed to a most successful and highly enjoyable occasion. Who will LAMBS be celebrating next year? **MB**

Musical event for Marie Curie charity

ON Saturday, April 30 Col Canto and the Mid Glamorgan Accordion Band joined residents, families, staff and friends of 'RMBI Albert Edward' in Porthcawl for a fundraising coffee afternoon for Marie Curie.

The entertainment was superb and we are grateful to both these groups for giving up their valuable time for such a wonderful cause. My particular favourite was when both groups collaborated on a performance of 'Oklahoma'.

The hall was full to capacity and cakes and coffee were available. We would like to thank all who attended and gave their support to Marie Curie's year of change. Were you aware that they now support all people with terminal illnesses and not only those with cancer?

Also, thanks to Maureen Fargi and her friends who helped run the raffle for us on the day.

A massive £350 was raised for this fantastic charity, not forgetting that Mid-Glamorgan Accordion Band donated an additional £100.

Jean Humphries and Helen from Marie Curie were on hand to accept the donations. **RT**

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Energy advice

MAESTEG residents will be able to save money on their energy bills with help from the Nest scheme.

The Nest team will be at Hartshorn House Health and Wellbeing Centre in Maesteg on Tuesday, May 17 to help people who are struggling with their energy bills.

For an appointment, contact Rhian Liddiard on rhian.liddiard@est.org.uk or 07920 594 616.

Nest can be contacted on Freephone 0808 808 2244 or visit www.nestwales.org.uk for advice on reducing energy bills and to find out if you qualify for a package of home energy improvements.

Bethan and Maureen.

Maesteg sector PACT meetings

BLAENGARW/PONTYCYMER PACT on Monday, May 9 at Blaengarw Rugby Club at 6.30pm.

LLANGEINOR PACT on Wednesday, May 11 at the Richard Price Centre at 5.30pm.

CAERAU PACT on Monday, May 23 at Noddfa Chapel at 6pm.

BETTWS PACT on Thursday, May 26 at 2pm.

How fair is the five month ban on dogs?

DOGS are now banned from a number of beaches in the Vale until October 1, but one GEM reader got in touch to say she thought the conditions were excessive.

The bye law, which starts on May 1 each year, has been in operation since 2001 and includes Southerndown, Llantwit Major, Cold Knap, Whitmore Bay and Penarth.

The Vale Council says the ban "is aimed at ensuring the safety and pleasure of the majority who would wish to use the beach for sunbathing and swimming or similar seaside leisure activities".

Contravention of the law can mean a £500 fine.

Only guide dogs are permitted on beaches, if accompanied by a registered blind person.

But one GEM reader said: "Dog lovers pay council tax too. Why should they be banned from the beach for five months of the year?

"Why can't part of the beach be designated by flags and allow people to walk their dogs? This is done on some beaches in west Wales.

"Perhaps dogs could be allowed after 7pm in the evening when the bulk of day trippers have started to make their way home.

"Alternative beaches like Jackson's Bay and the Old Harbour are not easily accessible without a steep climb or crossing rocks.

"It seems dog owners who pay council tax in the Vale are effectively subsidising services for day trippers from outside the area!

"September is surely a month too long. If the weather is cold and deteriorates, the beach is under-used."

Do you have a view on the restrictions in place at Barry Island beach? If so, contact us at *gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk*.

Choirs support Porthcawl RNLI

BOIS Goetre-Hen Male Choir and Florida State University Singers are to help support Porthcawl RNLI lifeboat at a concert at All Saints Church, Victoria Avenue, Porthcawl, on Friday, May 6.

Richard Howells, choir spokesperson for Bois Goetre-Hen, said: "We chose to support Porthcawl lifeboat, who recently celebrated their 50th anniversary in the town, as we are always mindful of the dedication and work the volunteer crews do in saving lives along our coastline.

"Although our members are mainly from valley communities, we and our families do enjoy a visit to Porthcawl and we take interest in the work carried out at the lifeboat station. We are delighted to be joined in our concert by Florida State University Singers and guest soloist Rhydian Jenkins."

Tickets for this special concert will be priced at £8 and can be purchased at the church on the night or by following the link, *http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/245761*. The concert will start at 7.30pm, with doors open from 7pm.

RNLI spokesman Ian Stroud said: "This fundraising event means so much to our charity. Our lifeboat crew use such donations to support the cost of training and purchase of equipment all of which we rely on to carry out rescues off our shore."

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Bridgend jockey Rhys' North Carolina success

ON AND OFF THE TURF WITH BRIAN LEE

RHYS FLINT, from Bridgend, won the $75,000 The Queen's Cup MPC Steeplechase at Mineral Springs, North Carolina last weekend.

Rhys (25) son of Bridgend trainer John Flint, riding Ann Taylor Rowe's *Maserati,* scored a three-length victory in this feature race in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Trained by Leslie Young, *Maserati* won the 21st running of this important race in fine style and Rhys also took the closing flat race on the same owner's *Director*.

Nearer to home, Bridgend builder Roger Willcox saw his nine-year-old bay gelding *Patricktom Boru* land the ladies' open race at the Radnor & West Herefordshire Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Coldharbour last Saturday.

Well ridden by Jodie Hughes, *Patricktom Boru,* a winner over hurdles and over the jumps, won by two lengths from *Get It On* partnered by Sarah Bowen.

Justin Hoskins' *Blazing Buck,* ridden by Hannah Lewis, won the four miles ladies' open race at the Modbury Harriers Point-To-Point in Devon, beating *Belle Flower Boy* by three lengths after both horses had jumped the last fence together.

At the Banwen Miners' Hunt Point-To-Point where David Llewellyn's prolific *Rosies Peacock* beat the Michael Bowen-trained *Cygnet* by a length in the men's open race, Conor Orr, who rides out for Llancarfan trainer Evan Williams, on board Mrs Sherre Lean's seven-year-old *The Mobile Man* took the second division of the maiden after leading two fences from the finish.

Conor (20) who has ridden three winners under rules for Williams, was winning his first point-to-point race in Wales.

Llanharan's Tom David who took the confined race on *Itchymei'mscratch* was knocked unconscious later in the day when falling from *Boyfromnowhere* at the first fence in the men's open race.

Tom's younger brother Evan is also on the injured list as he broke a bone in his foot when schooling a horse in the morning at Tim Vaughan's Aberthin yard.

The ladies' open race went to the 7-1 outsider of three, *Highly Unlikely,* who made every yard of the running under owner/trainer Charlotte Evans to score by a length from *Watch The Birdie*.

James King took the restricted on *Indian Leader* who had a length and a half to spare over the Bradley Gibbs-ridden *Key People* and Welsh champion John Mathias made it a hat-trick when winning the intermediate on *Gardiners Hill* and the first division of the split maiden on *Last Of The Buds*.

Daniel Ellis (11) won the first of the two pony races and Bridgend's Connor Brace (14) the second on *Peateaoh*.

Aberthin's Tim Vaughan, who had a couple of runners at the meeting, had a double at Kempton with *Debece* in the novice hurdle and *Falcarragh* in the handicap hurdle. Both were ridden by Alan Johns and the first went off at odds of 9-2 and the second at odds of 5-1.

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NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:
If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.
I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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Aberkenfig and District WI

ELEVEN members of Aberkenfig Women's Institute attended Penyfai's Link Social on Friday, April 22 in Archbishop McGrath School in Brackla.

It was a very wet night but there was still a good turnout from all the other WIs in the Link – Penyfai, Mynydd Cynfig, Laleston and Aberkenfig.

Penyfai's president Jean Griffiths welcomed the members and introduced the entertainment for the evening, a barbershop quartet called Old Spice from Cowbridge, who have been together for 18 years. They wore brightly-coloured striped waistcoats and straw hats.

The harmonies were beautiful, the layering of the notes was very clever and they sang a selection of songs, including some in the style of the original Swingle Singers, who used to be on the radio in the 60s.

Tea and homemade cakes were served which disappeared quite quickly amid lots of conversation between the different WIs and the singers.

After tea, Old Spice were back on stage. In the second half the waistcoats were turned inside out and featured a multicolour diamond pattern. The songs in this session included 'Rock around the Clock', 'Ramona' and finishing with 'Hello Mary-Lou'. The whole programme had been lively, beautifully sung and fun. Ann Jones gave the vote of thanks.

Aberkenfig and District Women's Institute meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig.

New members and visitors are always made very welcome.

The next meeting is on May 11, which is the annual meeting and the competition is for a fancy button.

For more information contact Dilys on 01656 725399 or www.facebook.com/Aberkenfigwomensinstitute.

Choral guests from Florida

TOMORROW (Friday, May 6) starting at 7.30pm, Bois Goetre Hen male choir (Boys of Coytrahen) under musical director Dale Evans and accompanist Bethan Edwards, will be joined by special guests Florida State University Singers under their director Kevin Fenton (professor of choral conducting and ensembles) at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl.

Also appearing will be soloist Rhydian Jenkins, winner of numerous eisteddfodau and the current holder of the Welsh Association of Male Choirs Geraint Morris Memorial Award.

Tickets (£8) are available from members of the host choir – Bois Goetre-Hen a'r Cylch or via email: boisgoetrehen@gmail.com or by telephoning the secretary on 07976 420161.

Coytrahen Community Centre

THE committee running the centre is organising a quiz night on Friday, May 20, starting at 7pm.

Teams of no more than six persons, and the cost is £2 per contestant. The centre is licensed and the bar will be open; bread rolls and liquid refreshment available.

Tondu Primary School

MRS Susan Pilcher would like to congratulate the following pupils who achieved 100 per cent attendance last term:

Mrs Jones and Mrs Richards' class Afan: Hywel Evans, Zak Evans, Oliver Ruck, Alex Whitfield.

Miss Morgan's class Cynffig: Ffion Barry, Mali Davies, Dewi Galtry, Oscar Humphries, Lily Lewis, Harri Reardon

Mrs Woolls' class Ewenni: Morgan Collier, Laila Jones, William Ockwell-Bowen, Jack Rose, Elise Williams

Mrs Pugh's class Garw: Kaylen Alston, Iwan Baker, Jack Eastwood, Cariad Evans, Maddie Flower, Aidan Hall, Rhys Hopkins, George Jarman-Davies, Loveday Lock, Scott Paul, Aidan Radford, Charlotte Stovell, Olivia-Jayne Thomas, Emily Wodecki.

Mr Lewis' class Llynfi: Noah Barry, Dewi Castling, Bethan Hopkins, Elis O'Connor, Tegan Rampley, Alisha Williams.

Miss Davies' class Ogwr: Dashtan Ali, Sophie Barrett, Wil Davies, Jake Dyke, Iestyn Galtry, Gracie Jones, Tristan Williams, Aleksei Wood.

Mrs Lucas' class Rhondda: Carwyn Barry, Maisie Fahey, Evan Humphries, Tyler Phillips, Megan Simpson, Matthew Smith, Luke Thomas.

Miss Greenman's class Taf: Ethan Baker, Kian Edwards, Sasha Flower, Levi Harry, Dafydd Piper.

Mrs James' class Tawe: Dylan Evans, Brook Hawkings, Evie Higgins, Jorja Higgins, Jorja Hillman, Frazer Marshall, Kieran O'Connor, Christopher Williams, Jarad Young.

Miss Mahoney's class Usk: George Barry, Dylan Griffiths, Olivia Herbert, Molly Price, Amelia Webb.

Susan would also like to congratulate Iestyn Williamson, Imogen Merrett and Emily Williamson, who took part in the Primary Schools' Cross Country competition on Saturday, April 23, at Pencoed Comprehensive School, represented Tondu Primary School.

Judges from the Welsh Heritage Initiative for Schools spent the morning in school on Friday, April 22 talking to pupils about their work. Susan extends her thanks to Mrs Jones for her work in drawing all the work from the classes together, and in preparing for the visit.

Curtain-Up Youth Theatre

THERE is an opportunity for the public to see these youngsters performing at Maesteg Town Hall on Thursday/Friday May 5/6 at 7pm and Saturday, May 7 at 2.30pm.

They will be performing Disney's version of *The Little Mermaid Jr,* which is based on the Hans Christian Andersen story. Tickets can be obtained from the box office by telephone 01656 733700.

Golden key

WHEN Brynmenyn Primary School was opened in January 1913 by Coun David Thomas, he was presented with a golden key as a souvenir of the occasion.

On his death, it was inherited by his sister Elizabeth Thomas, and through a series of inheritances from Wales to Kent and back again it finished up with Betty Samuel, a resident of Ynysawdre.

Betty has offered the key to the headteacher at the school, Mrs Dale, who has arranged that when the school moves to its new premises in Ynysawdre, it will be on prominent display in a glass case.

Well done to everyone: it is nice to see historic events preserved, this could have easily been lost.

Step out for stroke survivors

STROKE Association is a charity that offers vital support to survivors from a stroke, their families or carers dealing with the impact. It funds research into the prevention and treatment of strokes.

On Sunday, May 22, it is organising a one-mile 'step out for stroke survivors' at Newbridge fields in Bridgend.

For further details and how to register, contact Chris on 01656 647820.

Mindless vandalism

I WAS disgusted to see that 'Bugingham Palace' in the Parc Slip nature reserve belonging to the Welsh Wildlife Trust had been burnt down on Sunday, May 1 evening.

I could smell the ashes as soon as I got out of my car. This structure was built to encourage all forms of insect life, and the children visiting the site liked to spot the creatures within it.

These insects formed part of the food chain for amphibians, birds and reptiles. I hope these vandals read this article and realise the damage they have caused.

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Porthcawl welcomes the jazz afficianados to a weekend of musical performances

THE recent Porthcawl Jazz Festival offered the usual variety of performers based, in the main, at the Grand Pavilion, but also performing at other venues.

Headline in the event this year was a Saturday night extravaganza featuring The Cotton Cotton Club.

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Performers at The Cotton Club show

Romilly Old Boys celebrate 50th anniversary and school choir provides the entertainment

ROMILLY Old Boys' 50th anniversary was celebrated recently and Vicky Mortimer-Brown was able to capture key reunion moments. The Romilly Primary School choir entertained the guys with a number of songs.

IMAGES by VICKY MORTIMER-BROWN

Marie Curie preview for Sri Lanka charity trek

WOULD-BE adventurers are being invited to an information evening giving details of an exciting trek in Sri Lanka to raise funds for the Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth.

Marie Curie will be hosting the information session at Mint & Mustard restaurant in Penarth on Thursday, May 19, to give prospective trekkers the opportunity to learn more about next year's fundraising quest.

Running between Thursday, November 16 and Saturday, November 25, 2017, the Sri Lanka trek will take in jungles, forest trails, small villages and ancient cities, over 10 days spent exploring this idyllic island in the Indian Ocean.

Funds raised by the trekkers will support the work of the Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff & the Vale, situated on Bridgeman Road in Penarth. Last year the hospice supported more than 1,000 patients living with a terminal illness, along with their family and loved ones, at a cost of £4.6 million.

Georgina Burke, community fundraiser for the Marie Curie Hospice, said: "Our treks are always very popular, whether it's with people looking to take on a new challenge in a beautiful country with stunning landscapes, or those whose family has been cared for at the hospice and want to give something back. We hope the Sri Lanka trek will be one of the best treks yet – offering all those taking part the adventure of a lifetime while raising money for an important local cause."

To find out more about next year's Sri Lanka trek please come along to Mint & Mustard restaurant in Penarth on Thursday, May 19 at 6.30pm to speak to the Marie Curie Trek Team.

Further details at www.mariecurie.org.uk, emailing events@mariecurie.org.uk or calling 0845 052 4184.

Bustlers in the Vale

IMAGE by TUDOR THOMAS

THIS photograph was taken during the 'Little Bus Running Sunday' in Barry to celebrate 30th anniversary of Bustler minibuses in Barry.

It shows the very first minibus built by the then National Bus Company in Barry at The Bus Depot on Broad Street. It is preserved by the West Country Historic Omnibus and Transport Trust and came from Cullompton, Devon.

It was designed in 1983 on a Ford Transit van and after trials in Exeter over two years it became the model for the Barry Bustler that started on May 6, 1986. Later they were used throughout the Vale.

The Sunday event was organised by Cardiff Transport Preservation Group.

'Forget-me-Not Chorus' to hold taster session

THE Forget-me-Not Chorus is a Cardiff and Newport based charity which supports people with dementia and their carers through weekly singing sessions.

Each week the 40 to 70-strong choir meets to sing, rehearse and have fun under the baton of music director, Kate Woolveridge.

In 2012, Kate won ITV's 'Inspirational Women of the Year' award, which is sponsored by ITV1's 'Lorraine' and 'Women of the Year'.

Dame Helen Mirren said: "Big congratulations go to Kate for her incredible work – in an area that's very difficult for us all to confront, she is someone who's prepared to take that on board and deal with it and make something positive out of it. Just amazing."

The choir taster session is a great opportunity for prospective members to come along and witness, experience and join in the fun with the Forget-me-Nots.

Current choir member Jackie explained: "It is a fantastic therapy for people with dementia and a happy relief for carers. It is perfect, no pressure, just fun, everyone playing a part to the best of their ability. Monday evening is our happiness fix!"

With current Cardiff rehearsals on a Monday and Newport on Wednesday evenings, Kate and chorus manager Sarah Teagle are looking to encourage more people who are living with demential and their friends or carers from south Cardiff, Penarth and Vale areas to take part.

New choir rehearsals for people in these areas take place on Thursday evenings from 7pm-9pm at Ysgol Y Deri, Sully Road, Penarth, beginning on May 12.

New members will also get the chance to take part in the choir's 'Festival of Voice' performance on June 4.

As part of the new 'Festival of Voice' being held all across Cardiff, the four individual choirs of the Forget-me-Not Chorus will come together in collaboration with Welsh National Opera's Community Choir for one grand performance at Wales Millennium Centre. An opportunity not to be missed!

HONOUR FOR CONSULTANT WHO 'JUST ADORES TEACHING'

Dean of Medical Education Prof Nicholas Topley (left) and Dr Steve Riley with David Robinson (centre) at the awards presentation.

ABMU consultant orthopaedic surgeon David Robinson has been honoured for his work developing the talents of future doctors.

He was given an award for excellence as a clinical teacher by Cardiff University School of Medicine at a prestigious awards ceremony.

An honorary lecturer, Mr Robinson sees patients at the Princess of Wales Hospital as well as teaching medical students, both at the hospital and in Cardiff.

He said he was delighted to be recognised at the awards but added: "I just adore teaching, I find it really rewarding. I do it because I enjoy it."

David, who has been passing on his skills for 14 years, said: "Hopefully I can give the students a great experience during their time with me."

He received his honour at the BMJ/BMA 'Clinical Teacher of the Year' awards at Cardiff's Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

The event celebrated excellence in training the next generation of medical and dental professionals and was a collaboration between Cardiff Medical School, Swansea Medical School and the Wales Deanery.

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Spectrum Singers perform in Berlin

SPECTRUM Singers made their international debut recently, travelling to Berlin to perform at the Schoneiche Music Festival on April 23.

The music festival is an annual event and this year there were 40 performances at 16 venues around the town.

Spectrum Singers and Llantrisant Ladies Choir, both conducted by David Hutchings, were the first overseas choirs to be included in the festival.

"Schoneiche is a beautiful place and the people were extremely friendly and welcoming," said Mr Hutchings.

The Spectrum line-up already had an international element. German-born Carsten Muller has sung bass with the choir since it was started in 2001. He introduced the programme for both choirs, slipping seamlessly between English and German.

Contralto Julia Nasrallah, a former Penarth resident, flew in from her home in Beirut to rejoin Spectrum for the weekend.

Spectrum's singers also joined the Llantrisant Ladies Choir for a concert in the unusual location of 'The Tramshed'.

Unlike the Cardiff music venue of the same name, it is still an active workplace complete with tram wash rollers, inspection pit, rails to trip over and gratings to catch unwary ladies in their concert shoes.

The cathedral-like space echoed to show tunes and Welsh favourites including 'Calon Lan' and 'Ar Hyd y Nos'.

Spectrum's next performance 'Pure Hollywood', an a cappella tribute to songs from the silver screen, will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday, May 18 in the Old School, Sully. The concert is hosted by the Sully WI and tickets £3, including refreshments, will be available on the door. See www.spectrumsingers.org

The Berlin Bears remind Spectrum singers Glynis Parsons (left) and Helen Turner (right) of the choir's home town Penarth.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEND SOME TIME IN PRISON?

TASTING prison food, checking the condition of cells and attending major incidents are just some of the tasks carried out by volunteers working in Cardiff prison.

Every prison is required to have an Independent Monitoring Board and its members have the responsibility of observing conditions throughout the prison and bringing any concerns to the attention of prison managers and the Ministry of Justice.

Chair of Cardiff IMB, Steve Cocks, explained: "We are the official representatives of the Minister of Justice and have complete access to the prison. Our role is to look into all aspects of prison life and bring any concerns to the attention of those responsible.

"We sample food, visit education facilities, monitor the admission of new prisoners, sit in on the Governor's disciplinary hearings and a whole range of other tasks. We are also called into any serious incidents in the prison, though these are rare."

Cardiff IMB is currently seeking new members who are willing to spend up to four days a month in the prison.

"The role can be demanding", Mr Cocks added, "but is definitely interesting and rewarding and no two days are the same. Cardiff is a well organised and well managed prison and I have never felt uncomfortable during my visits.

"Prisoners overwhelmingly value the work of the IMB and are positive towards us. I believe that the work is very valuable. We all want to reduce crime and if we can contribute towards prisons working effectively, we can hopefully help in stopping prisoners coming back."

IMB members do not get paid, but can claim expenses and loss of earnings.

Applicants are asked to visit the prison and undertake an interview, and those who have been successful undergo a period of induction and training.

"We are anxious to increase the diversity of the Board and we will welcome applications of people of all backgrounds," said Mr Cocks.

More information and an application form from: www.imb.org.uk. Anyone wanting to talk to a board member can call 02920 923342.

Ioan's charity 'sky dive'

CANCER is a disease that is very real to almost everyone – with approximately 2.5 million people diagnosed with cancer in the UK, we are bound to know someone whose life has been impacted by cancer.

Cancer Research Wales is a charity that has worked in Wales for the past 50 years to try and find ways to make cancer a more manageable struggle for those who are sadly affected by it.

I will be doing a skydive on May 28 to help raise some of the crucial funds Cancer Research Wales needs to carry out its essential work into finding ways to treat and hopefully, one day beat, cancer.

Please give anything you can to help such a fantastic cause; uk.virginmoneygiving.com/IoanWardhaugh.

IOAN WARDHAUGH (16)

Recognition for J G Plant Ltd dealer awards

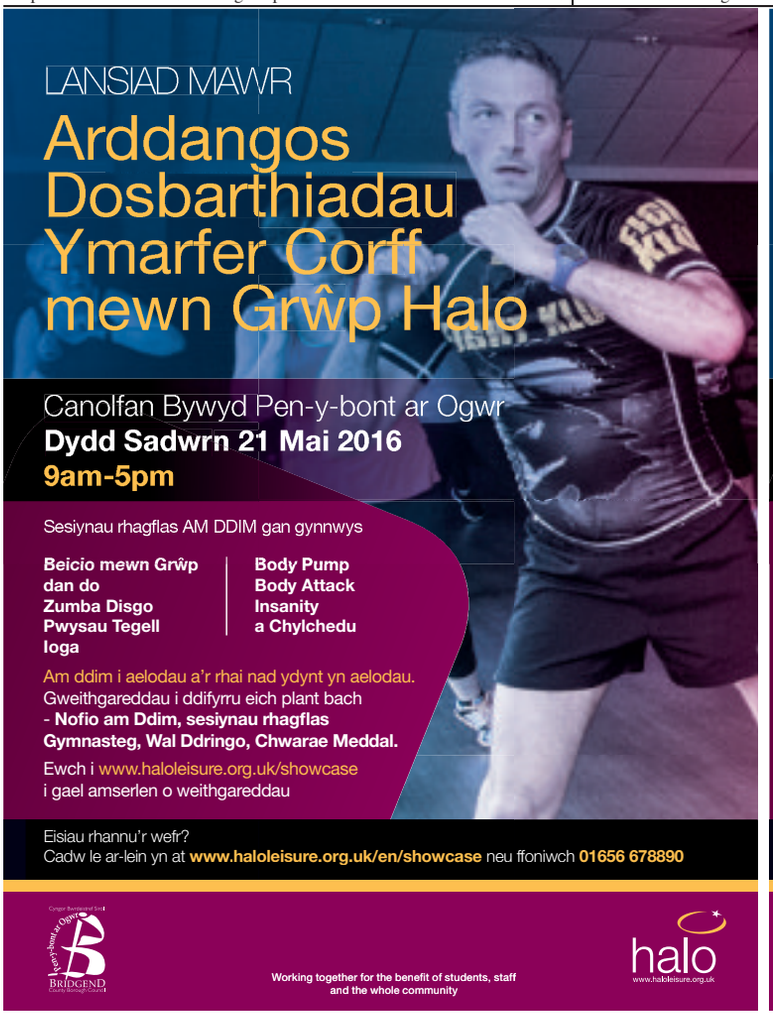
THE Bridgend-based team at JG Plant is celebrating after achieving runner-up position in New Holland's Dealer of the Year Awards 2015 in the Tractor Dealer of the Year category.

"Crowning a single dealer as the overall winner for each individual category can be a challenge," said Andrew Watson, New Holland's UK and Ireland managing director.

"All our dealers continue to impress us year after year and as such we consider the runner up position as an equally impressive achievement."

Established in 1967 in Taffs Well, Cardiff, JG Plant hire was born out of the rising demand for new and second-hand equipment. The family-run business, now based in Bridgend, leads the way in equipment hire, engineering support, and parts sales.

Welcoming the award, Gareth Rees said: "To receive the runner up position in the Tractor Dealer of the Year was really unexpected. We really appreciate the recognition and the nomination has motivated the team to continue doing great work."



Corey's thank you to physios who keep him 'on the move'

Corey and his family at the fundraising day held at Pyle RFC (above).

Corey Cox with Catherine Bingham, Sharon Starkey, Dana Wilson and Michelle Partridge, at the paediatric physiotherapy department. Missing from the picture is Sam Davies, Corey's regular physiotherapist.

Corey with dad Gareth (second right) and representatives of Pyle RFC who carried out a collection at the Princess of Wales Hospital to boost their fundraising total.

Physiotherapists at the Princess of Wales Hospital are always happy to see regular patient Corey Cox, but his latest visit to their department wasn't for one of his routine appointments.

This time the team invited him back to say a big thank you to Corey and his family for raising more than £3,000 to help support their work.

Pyle Primary School pupil Corey, aged nine, has bilateral Perthes' disease, a rare condition which affects the development of the femur in both of his hips.

It can take several years for the blood supply to be fully restored and for new bone to grow. In that time children can suffer from debilitating pain, stiffness in the hips and muscle wastage.

His mum Natasha said Corey has been receiving physiotherapy at the hospital's paediatric physiotherapy department since 2011, but never complains about the pain.

"The team are marvellous, they are full of smiles for him every time he comes in. We wanted to give something back to the department which has been taking such good care of him," she said.

Corey's dad Gareth is captain of Pyle Rugby Club, where the family arranged a special fundraising day featuring a match between players dressed as wrestlers – in tribute to Corey's favourite sport – and the under-15s side dressed as Disney princesses.

Gareth's team-mates, club supporters and friends – especially Gareth Pearce, Mickey Davies and Matthew Chick – got behind the family's fundraising mission which is now up to £3,190.

But Tasha and Gareth, who have three other children, are determined to keep going – they have their sights set on raising enough money for a high-tech specialist exercise bike for the department which will cost £6,000.

Because of his condition, Corey will continue to need treatment from the department for some time but his mum says his condition doesn't get him down and he never complains about doing his exercises.

"He is a very brave little boy," she said.

The assistant head of paediatric physiotherapy, Paula Wilson, said: "We would like to say an enormous thank you to the Cox family. Corey is an amazing little boy who is always cheerful, despite needing to continue with an exercise regime for a long time to come."

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Richard doesn't sit on the fence when judging!

ASHDOWN Fencing Ltd was delighted to support Glamorgan YFC recently in their field day competition for fence erection.

Richard Taylor (owner and founder of the company), proudly judged the senior and junior teams at Penllyn Estate, Cowbridge.

He said: "Every club worked extremely hard, considering the bad weather conditions and it was a pleasure to see supporting members cheering on the teams."

The perpetual Ashdown Fencing Ltd. shield (donated to Glamorgan YFC last year) was awarded to Neath and District YFC for the second year running, with an additional team from Neath and District YFC in second place and Maendy YFC in third place.

Porthcawl Floral Arrangement Society

AT Awel-y-Mor on May 11 at 7.30pm there will be a demonstration by Sally Taylor entitled 'Tales from a Gloucestershire Lass'.

Doors open 6.30pm, everyone welcome.

Emma (left) and a colleague with David Ford and Dame Mary Peters.

Emma's run to raise awareness of human trafficking

IN March, Emma Gooding of Cowbridge was part of another 'In the long run human trafficking must stop' team (ITLR) – this time raising awareness in Ireland by running from Dublin to Belfast and partnering with several running clubs, charities and schools.

Emma explained: "This was a significant place to run as Northern Ireland was the first region of the UK to pass the Human Trafficking and Exploitation Bill in 2015, which was introduced as a private member's bill by Lord Morrow."

As well as 10K runs, there was a duathlon, and half marathons, all completed over a two-week period, Emma found the cycling followed by running in the duathlon the biggest challenge, harder than a full marathon she ran in Brussels.

A highlight of the team's time there was to meet Dame Mary Peters (pentathlon gold medallist at the 1972 Munich Olympics) after running up The Hill to Stormont and attending a seminar there with the Minister for Justice, David Ford, and the UK anti-slavery commissioner Kevin Hyland, where Emma had the opportunity to speak.

Emma continues to work in Brussels with victims of human trafficking who find themselves enslaved in the brothels of Brussels and Antwerp. As well as visiting the parlours to get to know individuals, she runs a 'helpline' which is used by women in an ever-increasing area.

Some of the women are young girls and the charity offers training in language skills, barista training at Kaffe Klapp Café in Antwerp and they also hope to include Thai cookery classes.

These social enterprises enable women to have a choice. In reality they don't always have a choice as the nature of slavery is coercion and Emma hears many heartbreaking stories of abuse.

Emma's mother, Sarah, said: "Emma's work relies on donations from the UK and she is grateful to all who have supported her work over the years. If you would like to support her, please contact me at *sarahjane.gooding@hotmail.com*.

"I am also selling Phoenix greetings cards with 100 per cent of the profit going to support this work. Take a look at the card brochure *www.Phoenix-trading.co.uk* or the brochure I have made available in Costa Coffee, Cowbridge."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Digital drop-ins

BARRY Communities First, in partnership with Newydd Housing Association, is running free digital drop-in sessions to help people improve computer skills.

They will take place weekly at the following venues: Barry library, Mondays 10am – 12pm; Dinas Powys library, Mondays 10am – 1pm; and Aberaeron Hub, Aberaeron Close, Tuesdays 9.45am – 11.45am.

Llantwit Major library, Tuesdays 10am – 1pm; Margaret Alexander Community Centre, Wednesdays 1pm – 3pm; Age Connects Cafe, Holton Road, Barry, Thursdays 10am – 12pm; Penarth library, Thursdays 10am – 1pm; Cowbridge library, Fridays 2pm – 5pm; Rhoose library, Fridays 10am – 1pm.

No booking required, places limited. For more information contact Scott Tandy on 07584 501216, or Lani Tucker on 07730 284147.

Jumble sale

THE 1st DINAS Powys Scout group jumble sale will take place on Saturday, May 7 at 1.30pm at the Scout Hall, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys. Admission 50p.

An evening with Dylan Thomas in Dinas Powys

AS this year's Dinas Powys Music Festival coincides with International Dylan Thomas Day on May 11, the festival is introducing 'Noson Dylan', an evening celebrating the works of Dylan Thomas and other Welsh writers.

The first half of the evening, which is sponsored by Chase de Vere, will be devoted to Dylan's poetry and prose – including songs from *Under Milk Wood*.

The remainder of the evening will feature poets such as Hedd Wyn, Alun Lewis and Gillian Clarke, songs by Richard 'Mynyddog' Davies and John Ceiriog Hughes as well as extracts from the writings of Gwyn Thomas and Raymond Williams.

The songs will be performed by baritone Steffan Jones, accompanied by pianist Marged Jones. Tickets are £5 each and are available from local outlets and online at www.dpmusfest.co.uk.

The proceeds will go to the Dinas Powys Library which is shortly to be taken over and run by local volunteers.

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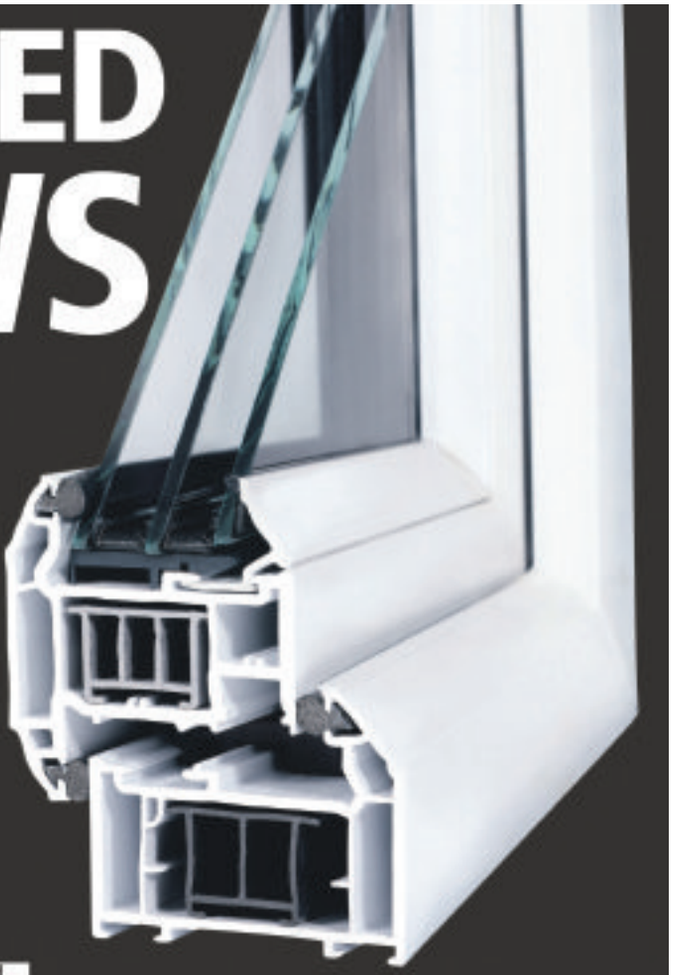

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CIVIL WAR MAY JUST BE THE BEST MARVEL FILM TO DATE!

by GARETH JAMIESON
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IF the disappointment of Batman v Superman has shown anything, it's that DC Comics' rivals Marvel have cornered the market in the film world when it comes to bringing their characters to life on the big screen – and they show no sign of slowing down any time soon.

The latest Marvel film to hit screens is *Captain America: Civil War*, a film that deals in the ramifications of films such as *Captain America: The Winter Soldier and Avengers: Age of Ultron*.

When the actions of the Avengers leads to collateral damage and civilian casualties, pressure is placed on them to be accountable for their actions.

Captain America (Chris Evans) believes their actions should remain unchecked in order to stop them becoming politicised while Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr) believes accountability should be a necessity. Soon, events lead the pair, and their respective superheroes, into conflict with one another as battle rages and feuds emerge that throw the future of the Avengers team into doubt...

The adaptation of the *Civil War* storyline marks something of a watershed moment for Marvel; up until now, their films have been very much tales of superheroes and super villains battling it out to save innocents, all against a backdrop of a shared universe that allows interaction between characters on an unprecedented scale.

With *Civil War,* you can't help but feel a swing towards the grittier and the more realistic (well as real as a comic-book movie will allow anyway), as this is a story more about how the behaviour of superheroes should be regulated and how their actions impact upon the wider world.

It's a notion that comic-books have grappled with before (most notably Alan Moore's *Watchmen*) but what *Civil War* does tremendously well is balance the meaty narrative and the dense storytelling to spectacle and create what may just be the best Marvel film of the bunch so far.

With the large amount of story and characters to deal with, it's a task that doesn't make you envy directing brothers Joe and Anthony Russo (returning after *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*) and scriptwriters Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely. However, both in terms of directing and writing, they make it look so easy, so effortless that they deserve perhaps the largest plaudits of all.

Visually, *Captain America: Civil War's* grand scope is wonderfully realised, as the film globe trots from one city to another it only increases in scale, with some exceptionally executed set-pieces, most notably a superhero battle royale at an airport which manages to give every single character their moment in the sun and is the undisputed highpoint of the film.

Script-wise, Markus and McFeely not only navigate the stormy waters of telling a complicated story in a way that keeps you engaged and captivated, but also handle the introduction of new characters such as Chadwick Boseman's Black Panther and Tom Holland's Spider-Man with incredible efficiency. Granted they are helped by a near-150 minute running time – but even then their ability to convey the weight of the story, without leaving any of the characters feeling shortchanged, is tremendous.

The performances are also superb, with Chris Evans and Robert Downey Jr as the men with opposite viewpoints excellent, and the raft of performances beneath them, from the likes of Sebastian Stan's confused Bucky, Elizabeth Olsen's fragile Scarlet Witch and Paul Rudd's scene-stealing turn as Ant-Man, all hugely enjoyable.

Yet it's the newcomers who perhaps linger the longest – Chadwick Boseman's Black Panther plays a pivotal role in events and the actor leaves you wanting more for his solo film due in 2018, as does Tom Holland who, as the first Spider-Man to get involved in this shared universe, is pitch-perfect as the teenager who finds himself embroiled in the gigantic battle; while Daniel Bruhl's villain marks a welcome change of pace for a Marvel bad guy, and his story and performance ground the film unlike any other villain before him; it's a bold, yet hugely welcome, choice.

It's difficult to find fault with *Civil War* – you could argue there's a sense that some story points are left unresolved, or as launching points for future films, but that's part of the whole Marvel universe; in a world that keeps continuing, there's very rarely any definite resolutions.

That the film can leave you wanting more, yet be so hugely satisfying on its own terms is a rare feat indeed, yet it's further proof that there is little stopping the Marvel universe from continuing its charge to universal domination – and *Captain America: Civil War* may be the finest example of it yet.

VERDICT: The best Marvel film to date, a film that marries ambition and scale and comes up trumps, *Captain America: Civil War* is a tremendous film. With a story that elevates the characters above the usual heroic action, rooted in real-life concerns yet brought to life with epic largesse by the Russo brothers, this is exemplary filmmaking at its finest. *Essential viewing*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* (2014), *Watchmen* (2009).

Vale PACT meetings

GIBBONSDOWN Drop In – Meet the neighbourhood team at Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close, Barry every Monday, between 10am and 12 noon.

CADOC – Meet local officers at Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry on Thursday, May 12 between 11am and 1pm.

Castleland Police surgery at Morrisons supermarket on Monday, May 16 at 11am.

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On Wednesday, May 11 at 10.30am, the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Cosmeston Country Park Visitor Centre.

On Thursday, May 12 at 10.30am, 'Bluebells', St Brides Major, opposite the Fox and Hounds.

Pathfinders at Porthkerry

BARRY-based local history group, Pathfinders, continues its series of evening walks with a visit to Porthkerry Country Park on Wednesday, May 11.

As well as visiting some of the sites of historical interest, the group will focus on the various myths and legends that abound in the area.

The group meets at the Gorsedd Stones, Romilly Park, Barry, every Wednesday at 7pm.

History society

THE Cowbridge History Society's next lecture will be on Friday, May 6 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge on 'Protestant Dissenters in an Age of Persecution, 1485-1603' by Don Gerrard.

The society's AGM will be held before the talk at 7pm.

For further information, see cowbridgehistorysociety.org.

Craft fair in Barry

COME along on Saturday, May 7 to the next Enfys craft fair at the St Ffransis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry from 10am – 4pm with free entry.

Raffle tickets will be on sale to raise money for the Wales Air Ambulance charity. For more information, contact Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

Royal British Legion

THE next meeting of the Barry branch of the Legion will be at 2.30pm on Monday, May 16; please note that this is a week later than usual.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, May 7 from 9.30am – 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Goleu Caredig coffee

THERE will be a coffee morning at Goleu Caredig on Saturday, May 7 at 10.30am to raise money for The Brain Tumour Charity.

Lots of stalls to browse and some lovely homemade cakes to buy.

Please come along and help us raise much-needed funds for this charity, or help by visiting the donation page at: The Brainy Bunch giving page, *uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/TheBrainyBunch6*.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT Major Conservatives will be holding a surgery in the Filco Supermarket on Saturday, May 7, 10.30am to 12 noon.

If you have any problems, call in and see Couns Tony Bennett and Ralph Austin.

Barnardo's celebration

THIS year is the 150th anniversary of the founding of Dr Barnardo's charity.

To celebrate this, there will be a musical celebration by a variety of local artists and afterwards, an afternoon tea at All Saints' Church, Park Road, Barry, at 2pm on Saturday, May 7.

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Brand-new Cowbridge florist offers a very warm welcome

A brand new florist makes its debut in Cowbridge this Saturday, May 7, as Sara Caroline Floral Design opens its doors for the first time.

The new shop is in the former Cowbridge Institute, behind the town hall in the familiar old stone building.

For the last 10 years, all styles of floral design have been a passion for Sara, and she has studied as many aspects of the art/craft as possible.

Those studies have been put to good use, as two years ago she was a medallist in the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 'Florist of the Year' competition.

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Barry pupils test their hi-tech skills

ON Tuesday, April 25, year-6 pupils from Barry Island Primary School visited the Sony company in Bridgend to further develop their coding and filming skills.

The children were invited for an all day event that also included a visit from Carwyn Jones.

The school has recently been recognised as a 'Lead School for Science and Technology' to assist in the development of the new curriculum following Professor Donaldson's review in 2015.

The day was spent at Sony's state-of-the-art Academy Centre with a dedicated team of experts to share their knowledge and skills. The children used an array of literacy and IT skills to write scripts, and then film scenes using high quality cameras.

Deputy headteacher, Dominic Broad commented: "We are very fortunate to have embedded coding across the school. Having already won the Microsoft Welsh coding championships (Kodu Cup Cymru), forging links with Sony Academy allows us to further challenge our children and provide innovative ICT opportunities across the school."

A group of pupils had the opportunity to work on their coding skills using Raspberry Pi technology.

Matt Gilbert, the headteacher, commented: "Working with Sony has provided excellent opportunities for the children to bridge their learning in a real life context.

"The pupils have had a wonderful opportunity to continue to develop computer programming skills. We would like to thank Sony for providing the children with a great learning experience."

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Barry Island Primary pupils enjoyed their visit to Sony, Bridgend.

St Illtyd Primary School pupils meet the Bluebirds

LAST week, St Illtyd Primary School's year-4 classes entertained parents and special guests from Cardiff City Football Club and Foundation with their 'football crazy' assembly.

Over the past term, the year group have been using a football topic to enhance their learning. Lots of literacy, maths, history and research skills have been used.

Not only that, but the children have been raising money for the Cardiff City Foundation Charity which was suggested by year-4 pupils.

Huw Day from the foundation and Cardiff City footballer Fabio Da Silva received the cheque for £175 from the pupils.

Mrs Woods and Miss O' Connell, year-4 class teachers, said: "This has been a fantastic topic that has been led by the pupils' interests and helped embed the Welsh Government's 'Four Purposes'. The children were so excited that the topic culminated with an assembly and visit from Fabio Di Silva."

The 'Four Purposes' are at the heart of the Welsh Government's new curriculum, helping develop pupils as ambitious, capable learners; enterprising contributors; ethical, informed citizens and healthy, confident individuals.

RH

Fabio da Silva visited St Illtyd Primary, Llantwit Major.

Vale walkers ponder the mystery of Heinz Karl

RIGHT: The headstone of Capt Lipschutz, whose U-Plane designed failed to catch on.

ON a cold but sunny morning, eight Valeways walkers met at the Six Bells in Penmark for a morning walk.

Leaving the pub, they walked along the road but turned off into a lane just before the Rhoose bypass. Crossing ancient earthworks they passed Blackton Farm, before climbing up a hill to join the A48.

Walking alongside the road for 200 yards brought them to a stile and gate which they crossed into a field to drop down towards Whitelands Brook.

Through newly-cleared footpaths they soon reached a track leading under the viaduct towards Porthkerry Park.

This track was ignored in favour of the monks' path leading back up the hill to Porthkerry village and church, where a stop was made for coffee and wandering around the churchyard.

With two of the group local residents, some of the names on the stones were familiar.

An intriguing one was the stone in memory of Captain Heinz Karl Lipschutz described as father of the U-Plane. He was a captain with Cambrian Airways, but what was a U-Plane?

Suitably refreshed, the group dropped down to the coast path and walked up the hill to Bulwarks Fort and then through the caravan park to emerge on the coast by Rhoose Point, where they watched a heron being chased away by a single gull.

A short walk along the coast brought them to Rhoose railway station and here they headed back inland through Rhoose to the road leading to the Highwayman. They passed the western end of the airport runway to go under the bypass, across a couple of field to return to Penmark having walked all the way round the airport

Thanks to the Six Bells for their hospitality and the use of the car park.

John Treby, Valeways walk leader

St Paul's fair

THIS Saturday (May 7) is the day to pick up some bargains at the St Paul's Church Hall fair.

Stalls will include books, CDs and DVDs, home made cakes and jams, toys, bottle stall and bric-a-brac. Grand prize draw with hamper and other prizes.

Doors open 2pm in St Paul's Avenue, Barry. All proceeds in aid of the continuing work of St Paul's Church and the ancient parish church of Merthyr Dyfan.

What's On - In brief

St Brides Community Council

The annual general meeting of the St Brides Community Council is on May 9 at All Saints Church, Southerndown, followed by the monthly meeting at 7.30pm.

Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled: 'HM Customs', by Colin Addicot, at 2pm on Wednesday, May 11, in Cowbridge Town Hall. There is a small fee for visitors, which includes refreshments. See *www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge*

Shadows Club

THE next Shadows Club takes place on May 10 at the Conservative Club, Stanwell Road, Penarth, (029 2030 9979) from 8pm.

Play, bring your guitar, or just to listen. Licensed bar, all are welcome.

Gwanwyn Arts and Crafts

VALE 50+ is organising the Gwanwyn (spring) Festival in May, to promote creativity in the senior years.

Activities and taster sessions for people of all ages including computers, knitting and crochet, crafts, watercolours and more.

Friday, May 13 from 10am to 3pm at the Old School, South Road Church community hall, Sully CF64 5TG.

For more information contact 01446 709779 or email jporter@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Dementia awareness

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a dementia awareness session at the Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38, Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, May 10 at 10am to 12pm.

This is to encourage people who are worried about dementia to chat to a member of the Crossroads in The Vale team. Support groups, financial help and free counselling are locally available to families.

No appointment needed, just come along and have a chat to one of the team. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

THE computer advice drop-in centre at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, Barry on Thursday mornings from 10am to 12 noon is free and run by Barry Communities First.

Learn to use your computer or tablet with confidence; devices can be provided or you can bring your own. Call 01446 732385 for further information or just come along.

Craft fair at Barry Museum

THE Barry War Museum at Barry Island railway station will be open, 10am–4pm on Sunday, May 15, and there will be a craft fair in the building, free admission.

The Barry at War group is still looking for items for its wartime kitchen. Could you help?

The fifth Wartime Weekend (September 3 – 4) is seeking sponsors, supporters and participants.

LIFT group

LIFT (Life Is For Today) offers friendship and support to those affected by breast cancer.

They meet in Cowbridge once a fortnight; between 10am and 1pm for relaxation therapies or 2pm to 4pm for speakers or trips out. Come and join us, bring a friend, for friendly, supportive and confidential get-togethers.

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Sax lessons for over-50s

Sax for Fun performing in Cardiff.

THE 'Sax For Fun!' team will be celebrating the 10th birthday of a Wales-wide arts festival for over-50s this May, running two free workshops and a 'jazz jam' on Sunday, May 22 in conjunction with the Vale Jazz Weekend, and as a part of this year's Gwanwyn arts festival.

Age Cymru set up the Gwanwyn arts festival in 2006 to give over-50s a chance to get involved in the creative arts.

The festival happens every May in venues across Wales with arts groups, active retirement and community groups all taking part.

Sax For Fun! has received a Gwanwyn grant to run its jazz workshops sessions for older people in Barry.

Beverley Gough (Sax For Fun! team leader), said: "We're excited to be running our events as a part of the Vale Jazz Weekend this year, and we are looking forward to encouraging people to take up a new musical skill or rekindle their passion for playing an instrument.

"In the first workshop we're offering a free saxophone lesson to over-50s, an instrument will be provided if required, and we aim to show how easy it is to begin your musical journey. It all starts with one note!

"The second one-hour workshop is for over-50s who'd love to have a go playing a simple jazz and blues tune, and they will learn a very basic tune that they can perform later that evening at our Sax For Fun jazz jam that runs from 6pm."

Sax For Fun! workshop details: Sunday, May 22 at the Wyndham Conservative Club, Harbour Road, Barry, CF62 5RZ. Times: 2pm – 3pm try playing a sax! workshop. 3pm – 4pm try out a jazz tune! workshop.

Jazz jam from 5pm at the same venue. To take part in the workshops, send an email to Beverley at saxforfun@gmail.com. Tel: 07806 625717.

Llantwit man stars in Dinas music festival

THE Dinas Powys music Festival opened on the weekend of April 23 – 24 with a rousing concert on Sunday evening by the Dinas Powys Orchestra, conducted by Antony Tarlton, with soloist Ben Tarlton from Llantwit Major on cello.

The Hebrides Overture by Mendelssohn, taken at a brisk tempo, made an enjoyable start to the concert and the festival. The conductor maintained a flowing tempo throughout.

The rolling wave movement and the power of the sea were reflected well in Mr Tarlton's interpretation of this well known overture; what a pleasure to listen to.

This was followed by Schumann's Cello Concerto in A Minor. The soloist, a local young man, Ben Tarlton (not yet 21) played this rarely heard and difficult concerto with skill and panache.

Ben played the Elgar Cello Concerto with this orchestra when he was just 14. His technique surpassed the requirements for the Schumann concerto, making even the trickiest of passages flow smoothly and dramatically.

The sound he generated was rich and sumptuous making his entire presentation a joy to hear. This extremely talented young man has already reached great heights but such is his skill and musicianship I am convinced he has many more platforms within his grasp.

Ben Tarlton acknowledges the audience's applause.

Mozart's 41st Symphony 'Jupiter' came next. This symphony was an inspired choice to round off the programme.

It gave the conductor, Antony Tarlton a good platform to show off his skill at getting an orchestra of mainly amateur players to perform cohesively and imaginatively.

The tempo was surprisingly brisk and well glued-together.

Mr Tarlton presented a well balanced orchestra, each section's solo turn being musically produced.

I was particularly impressed by the 'sympatico' playing of the timpanist Michael Hearty, who clearly understands the dynamics of orchestral playing.

Altogether this was a most pleasurable concert and very well attended.

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WALKING FESTIVAL WILL PUT A SPRING IN YOUR STEP

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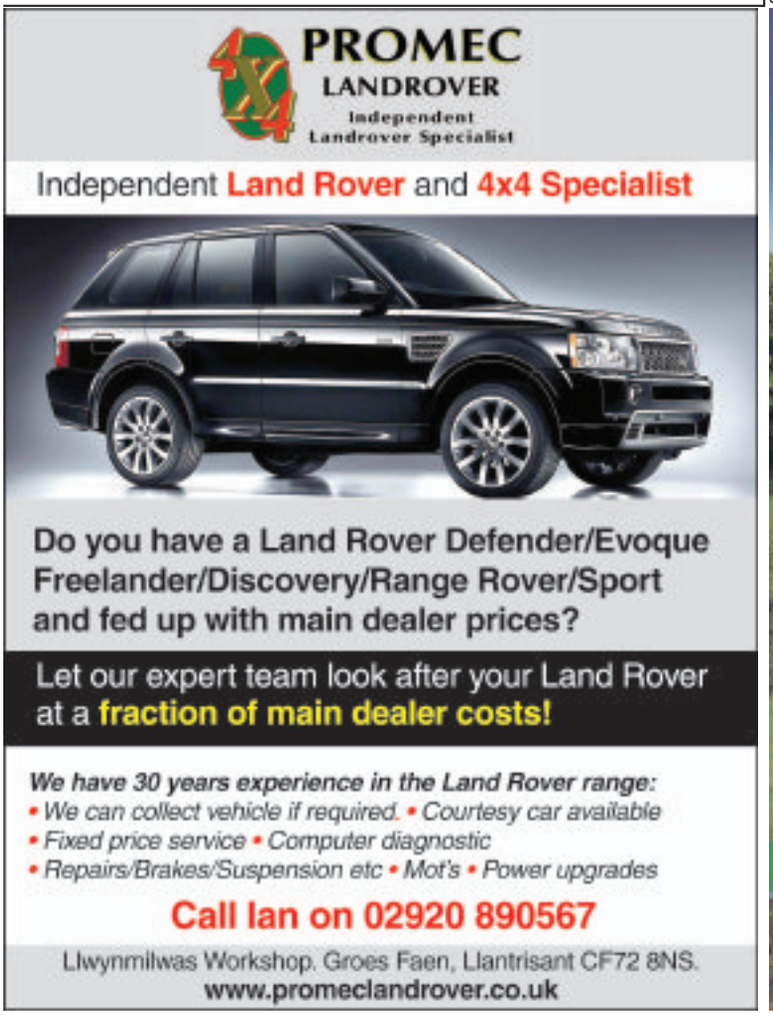

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i Wenfo!

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Wel, i Wenfo felly:

Ac yn hytrach na dechrau gyda theori sych, beth am fwynhau sain y sîn lenyddol yma ym Morgannwg; dyma driban a ddaeth i law via Mr. W. E. Thomas o Benarth:

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Heb os y llinell sy'n dal y sylw fwyaf yw'r llinell olaf: o dorri'r geiriau i lawr i'w darnau morffolegol lleiaf o ran synnwyr – neu syntax - gweler bod yna garn o geffyl yng ngharnocyn, tra mai darn bach o rywbeth yw cnepyn. Ond pam yfed gwin o'r fath beth? Efallai bod cyrn hyrddod yn brin yr adeg pan gyfansoddwyd y triban o gofio golygfeydd Celt arall yn Asterix a'i anturiaethau. Ta waeth, o ran Gwenfo ei hun, mae tarddiad yr enw yn weddol glir yn syth: gan ein bod wedi arfer gyda gwaun fel term daearyddol – yn arbennig yn ochrau Aberystwyth ble mae'r Waun[yn]fawr – hyd yn oed bod y term 'rhos' yn fwy cyffredin yn y Gogledd am ddarn o dir sydd heb eto ei ddatblygu.

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A dyna fi yn gorgymhlethu pethau eto mae'n rhaid...dim ond un peth sydd wedi mynd i ddyffryn angof fel petai – yr 'r'. Gwelwn yn glir felly mai 'Gwaun y Fro' yw Gwenfo. Hwyl am y tro!

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Mae wedi bod yn dymor y cynadleddau ac er eu bod, ar brydiau yn gallu bod yn ddiflas ac yn hirwyntog, nid felly y bu y tro yma i mi.

Cefais y pleser yn ddiweddar o deithio i Genefa, Galway a Brighton i dair cynhadledd wahanol iawn. Rwy'n ystyried fy hun bellach yn beripatetig go iawn.

Cynhadledd i Gymdeithasau Heddwch yn Ewrop oedd y digwyddiad yn Genefa. Roeddwn yn cynrychioli Cymdeithas y Cymod o Gymru ynghyd a chynrychiolwyr o'r Alban, Lloegr, yr Eidal, Ffrainc, Yr Almaen, Swistir, Sweden, Gwlad Belg, yr Iseldiroedd a Sbaen. Yng nghysgod swyddfeydd y Cenhedloedd Unedig buom yn trafod pa waith sydd yn cael ei wneud ar draws Ewrop i annog heddwch ac osgoi rhyfel.

Nid cynnwys y gynhadledd bob tro sydd yn cymryd fy mri, ond yn hytrach y cyfle i ddod i adnabod pobl newydd ac i gwrdd â hen ffrindiau. Nid eithriad oedd y profiad yn Genefa.

Yn ystod y gynhadledd, cefais y pleser o ddod i adnabod hen ŵr tawedog a hynaws. Roedd Harky Kleinfelter yn rhan o ddirprwyaeth cymdeithas heddwch o'r Iseldiroedd ac roedd well ganddo eistedd yn ôl, gwrando a chyfrannu mewn brawddegau byr, ar brydiau er mwyn cadw'r sgwrs ynghyn.

Ond, unwaith, ymhell o strwythur caeth y gynhadledd, roedd Harky yn rhydd i barablu. Yn ystod

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ein hawr ginio fe gyfaddefodd wrtha'i ei fod yn gwybod ychydig am newyddiaduraeth ond feddyliais fawr ddim am holi'r hen ŵr ac yn hytrach fe wfftiais y datganiad yn 'styfnig i un ochr. Fel un sydd yn astudio yn yr Ysgol Newyddiaduraeth yng Nghaerdydd mi ddylwn fod wedi procio i wybod mwy.

Yn ystod egwyl y prynhawn, fe ofynnais, ychydig yn eofn beth oedd ei gysylltiad â byd y gohebwr. Heb yn wybod imi, dyma Harky yn adrodd mai fe oedd yn bennaf gyfrifol am gyhoeddusrwydd, materion cyfathrebu a newyddiaduraeth i Dr Martin Luther King. Doeddwn i methu credu'r peth! Dyma ni, mewn cynhadledd heddwch a Harky wedi cadw'r cwbl yn dawel tan nawr. Gyda fy het newyddiadurol ymlaen, fe holais fwyfwy am un o gewri ein hanes. Esboniodd bod ganddo gannoedd o recordiadau unigryw a newydd, nad oedd y byd eto wedi'u clywed.

Mae Harky bellach yn byw yn yr Iseldiroedd ond mae'n dyheu yn arw at ddychwelyd i'r Unol Daleithiau i olrhain hanes ei gymar. Fe dries ei annog i ryddhau'r recordiadau coll ond, dan wen fe esboniodd nad oedd cymhelliant ganddo i wneud hynny.

Dros ginio y noson honno, a finne nawr wedi gwneud ffrind newydd, fe ddechreuais holi am fwy o storiau ond fe dorrodd ar fy nhraws, "As Dr King once said, pass me the ketchup" a chwarddodd yn uchel! Fe ddaeth â gwen imi hefyd,

Felly, da' chi, manteisiwch ar y cyfle i fynychu cynhadledd neu ddwy yn 2016, gyda'r amcan o wneud ffrindiau. Pwy a ŵyr, efallai cewch chi gyfle i gyfarfod â rhywun fel Harky?

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SÊR EIRY

ARIES: Os ydych chi ar fin arwyddo rhyw bapur swyddogol, mae'n bwysig eich bod chi'n aros hyd nes i'r 15fed fynd heibio cyn gwneud hynny. Mae'n bosib y byddwch chi'n paratoi ar gyfer rhyw ddathliad pwysig cyn bo hir.

TAURUS: Mae cyfnod rhamantus iawn yn dechrau i chi nawr; ac os ydych chi'n dal i chwilio am y cymar perffaith, fe allai rhywbeth hyfryd iawn ddigwydd cyn bo hir. Ond mae elfen o dwyll o'ch cwmpas hefyd, felly cymrwch ofal!

GEMINI: Mae tipyn o newid, a straen o'ch cwmpas ar hyn o bryd. Mae'n bosib iawn y bydd yn rhaid i chi wneud penderfyniad tyngedfennol cyn diwedd y mis fydd yn ymwneud â'ch gwaith neu'ch addysg falle. Peidiwch â rhuthro i benderfynu.

CANCER: Mae hwn yn addo bod yn gyfnod cymdeithasol iawn. Mi fydd cyfeillion newydd, neu hen ffrindiau o'r gorffennol, yn dod i mewn i'ch bywyd. Peidiwch â dathlu gormod gan fod tuedd ynnoch chi nawr i ennill pwysau!

LEO: Mae pennod newydd ar fin agor yn eich bywyd nawr, yn eich gyrfa, neu falle yn y cartre. Rydych chi'n teimlo fod bywyd yn ddiflas iawn ar hyn o bryd ac yn ysu am weld tipyn o gyffro yn digwydd o'ch cwmpas. Mi ddaw!

VIRGO: Fe allwch chi ddisgwyl newidiadau mawr yn eich gyrfa cyn bo hir. Mae rhywun yn siwr o dalu sylw i'ch gallu a'ch gwobrwyo mewn rhyw ffordd. Mae eich sefyllfa ariannol yn debygol o wella hefyd, ond ara deg gyda'r gwario – rhag ofn!

LIBRA: Fe ddylech gael llythyr neu alwad ffôn, neu ebost oddi wrth berson eitha pwysig tua chanol y mis fydd yn cael tipyn o argraff ar eich gyrfa. Mae eich sefyllfa ariannol yn weddol iach ar hyn o bryd hefyd.

SCORPIO: Mae trobwynt anhygoel o bwysig yn sicr o ddigwydd yn eich bywyd cyn bo hir, gan fod Pluto y planed sydd yn rheoli eich arwydd mewn sefyllfa ffafriol iawn. Mae lwc a rhamant di-ri ar ei ffordd i chi. Www lwcus!

SAGITTARIUS: Mi fyddwch chi'n llawn ynni a brwdfrydedd o'r diwedd, ar ôl cyfnod annarferol (i chi!) o lesgedd. Unwaith y bydd y planedau Mercher a Mawrth yn symud i le mwy ffafriol yn eich siart ddechrau'r mis, mi fydd pethe ar i fyny!

CAPRICORN: Mae cyfaill yn mynd i gynnig cyngor doeth iawn i chi cyn bo hir; ac er fod hynny'n mynd i godi'ch gwrychyn rhywfaint, peidiwch a bod yn rhy falch i wrando nag i ddilyn ei air. Mae'n amser i fod yn fwy hyblyg yn eich agwedd, Capricorn!

AQUARIUS: Dros y misoedd diwetha rydych chi wedi tyfu mewn hyder, fe ddylai hynny eich helpu i wynebu cyfnod eitha anodd fydd yn codi cyn bo hir. Dilynnwch eich cyngor a'ch greddf eich hun ac mi fydd y darnau'n disgyn yn dwt i'w lle.

PISCES: Dyma'r amser delfrydol i chi deithio. Os oes gyda chi wythnos yn rhydd ewch i grwydro a mwynhau, a phwy a ŵyr fe allech gwrdd â rhywun arbennig iawn ar eich teithau! Fe ddylai unrhyw broblem cyfreithiol fu gyda chi gael ei ddatrys nawr.

EIRY PALFREY

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Cylch Meithrin Dinas Powys

Mae Cylch Meithrin Dinas Powys yn cael ei gynnal yn y Kynance, Heol Mount, Dinas Powys. Rydyn ni ar agor dri bore'r wythnos, Dydd Llun, Mawrth, Mercher 9.30 - 11.00.

Mae gyda ni staff profiadol Cymraeg eu hiaith, sy'n cyflwyno'r iaith Gymraeg drwy amrywiol weithgareddau - canu, gemau, amser stori a chwarae rhydd. Rydyn ni'n derbyn plant dwy oed sy'n rhoi cyfle i blant o ardaloedd Llandochau, Sili, Gwenfo, y Barri a Dinas Powys gael cyflwyniad i'r iaith Gymraeg.

Mae gyda ni le i un neu ddau arall, felly os ydych chi eisiau addysg Gymraeg i'ch plant cysylltwch â'r arweinydd Sian Hazlewood – 07855497869.

CYMRY CYMRAEG NEWYDD

Bob blwyddyn, mae Cymrodorion y Barri yn cynnal 'Noson y Dysgwyr'. Eleni, mae pedwar siaradwr ail iaith wedi awgrymu term amgen, a herio'r gynulleidfa i ymuno â gweithgareddau sy'n rhoi hwb i'r iaith. Dyma'r ail yn y gyfres hon, llais Ruth King.

Ffrind-iaith

Dechreuodd fy nhaith yn Aberdâr, hen gartre Mam. Ar aelwyd Mamgu clywais y Gymraeg, yn treulio gwyliau hapus gyda'r Aunties a fy nghyfnitherod. Gyda'r teulu roeddwn yn mynychu'r capel, cyngherddau ac wrth gwrs Eisteddfod yr Urdd. Heb i fi sylweddoli, roeddwn yn amsugno diwylliant Cymraeg yn dawel bach. Geiriau hudolus a cherddoriaeth swynol ynghwsg yn fy ngwaed.

Mae atgofion melys 'da fi o grwydro'r bryniau a chwarae yn y dolydd a'r nentydd. Yr arallfyd ar waelod yr ardd, ar waelod y mynydd. I fi, mwy cyffrous o lawer na'r Barri a'r ffair ar lan y môr - ond roedd fy nghyfnither yn meddwl i'r gwrthwyneb!

Ar wyliau tramor ymhlith Cymry Cymraeg daeth y deffroad. Yn un o'r tri oedolyn di-Gymraeg teimlais yn wag, yn ysu am yr allwedd hud i'm mamiaith. Yna cychwynnais siwrne a fyddai'n agor cymaint o ddrysau!

Yn bwysicaf oll ar hyd y daith oedd y Cyfeillgarwch. Ffrindiau ysbrydoledig a chefnogol - fy 'ffrindiau-iaith'. Wrth flasu bywyd newydd yn eu cwmni, trodd fy myd o ddu a gwyn i liw.

Braint yw cael dy eni yn Gymraes……mae'n wir!

Un o'r Cymry Cymraeg Newydd ydw i neu hen Gymraes fach?

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Un o'r pethau gorau yw gweld y cerddwyr yn magu hyder a dod yn rhugl! Criw bach o ddysgwyr oedden, i gyd ar le gwahanol ar ein taith. Fi oedd yn y blaen nes i'r 'Cymry Cymraeg o'r Crud' gyrraedd. Hwrê! Dim angen 'Cymreigio' berfau a geiriau colledig bellach. Dros amser mae nifer y Cymry Cymraeg wedi cynyddu. Mae cerdded yn ffordd wych i wneud ffrindiau newydd a chael hwyl wrth gadw'n heini.

Gyda cherddwyr brwd mae 'Crwydro' ar Ynys y Barri yn mynd o nerth i nerth. Daeth Chelsea o "Share your Welsh" i ymuno â ni pan gawson ein cyfweld am y gwahanol ffyrdd mae cydgerddwyr yn hybu'r Gymraeg yn y Fro. Nid yr iaith yn unig rydyn ni'n rhannu ond gwybodaeth o bob math fel yr Aps Cymraeg diweddaraf a.y.b. Dim ots os ydych yn rhydlyd, Cerdded Cymraeg yw'r lle i wneud ffrindiau-iaith a gloywi eich Cymraeg!

O'r Fro i'r bryniau mae fy nheithiau wastad yn cynnwys nentydd - siwr o fod adlewyrchiad o'r Gymraes fach gyda'i Mam yng Nghwm Dâr.

Natur neu fagwraeth? Mae'n anodd dweud!

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THE ROMILLY FAMILY'S FASCINATING LINKS WITH BARRY – *local history by Laurie Owen*

THE Romilly Family (1677-1983) featured so much in our lives when we were growing up in the 1940s and beyond, and the name is still visible in so many places.

A search revealed some remarkable people, who would leave a legacy in the country in general, but Barry in particular.

In 1685, King Louis X1V of France revoked an edict, making it illegal to be a Huguenot (Protestant) and this action would lead one particular family to flee the country and seek refuge in London.

A century later, some of their descendants would buy land in Porthkerry and Barry and have a major effect on the development of a small village.

King Louis signed the new edict in Fontainebleau in 1685, which meant Huguenots could no longer hold services; their children would be educated as Catholics, and emigration was prohibited. Protestant churches were destroyed and in 1698, preachers were tortured or executed on the scaffold.

In 1701, a young Frenchman, Etienne Romilly (1677-1733) was smuggled across the Channel from Montpellier to settle in Soho, London. He would later marry Judith de Monsallier, who had also been forced to flee the religious persecution in France.

Their son Peter Romilly (1711-1784) married Margaret Garnault, from a wealthy family who had also emigrated and he would become a successful watchmaker/jeweller with his own shop in Frith Street, Soho.

The King was a staunch Catholic and hoped that these people would convert and while many did, thousands emigrated to Europe and Britain. History would show that his decision was a mistake, as most of the people who left were skilled craftsmen, doctors and merchants and would be a great asset to their adopted country.

Samuel Romilly (1757-1818) was the second son of Peter and Margaret and was born in Frith Street, Soho. Although he served for a time in his father's shop, he was a driven young man determined to make a career in the legal profession.

Called to the Bar in 1783, a King's Counsel in 1800, he was then knighted and appointed Solicitor General in the Whig Government of 1806.

He was a renowned legal reformer and extremely active in securing a vote of 283 to 16 in the House of Commons in 1807 to abolish slavery.

Sadly, some British sea captains continued this vile trade, even under threat of a £100 fine for each slave found on board, if apprehended by the Navy. Even then, some would just throw the slaves overboard to lessen any such punishment.

A great deal has been written about this man and his many achievements, but it was his shrewd decision in the early 1800s to buy the bulk of the 'Glamorgan Estate' from the trustees of Lord Llandaff, which makes him of particular interest to the residents of Barry.

It should be remembered that when Sir Samuel Romilly first set eyes on south Wales in the early 1800s, he could not just hop on a train at Paddington and be in Cardiff in two hours.

He wrote that on September 4, 1816 he took his wife Ann (*nee* Garbett) and children from London through Gloucester, Newnham – along the banks of the River Severn to Chepstow, Cardiff and then Cowbridge. Next day they looked over the estate in Barry and Porthkerry and then back to Cardiff to sleep.

After Brunel built the railway bridge at Chepstow in 1852, rail travel became an option, but it was not until the Severn Tunnel was opened in 1886 that a direct route made the journey a little easier.

Sadly, in November 1818 following the death of his beloved wife, Ann, his grief was such that in a moment of temporary insanity he committed suicide by cutting his throat.

As a coincidence, this Englishman of French extraction who would begin the link with our town in Wales was born on St David's Day.

Edward Romilly (1804-1870) was the second son of Sir Samuel and by 1841 he had built and was living in this grand 'Porthkerry House' with his wife, Sophia, her mother Jane Marcet, and his brother, Henry. As a young man Edward played first class cricket and was a Whig MP at just 28 years of age.

Over the next 20 years, he rebuilt farmhouses and cottages, improved farming systems and raised labourers' wages. Porthkerry itself was landscaped and known as one of the most charming spots in Glamorgan, much as it is today.

Having been appointed High Sheriff of Glamorgan in 1869 he died of apoplexy the following year at Porthkerry. Records show that Edward was a kind friend, an excellent landlord and an accomplished gentleman and after his death, his widow Sophia built the school in Porthkerry in 1876, at a cost of £400.

Although Samuel's eldest son John Romilly (1802-1874) would not feature a great deal in our town, he too had a distinguished career. Following on from Cambridge University, he was called to the Bar in 1827 and became an MP in 1832 before marrying Caroline Charlotte Otter a year later.

A Queen's Counsel in 1843, Solicitor General, followed by Attorney General, finally by 1851 he was appointed Master of the Rolls. In recognition of his many achievements, he was elevated to the peerage in 1866 and chose to be known as Baron Romilly of Barry in Glamorgan.

In 1857-9 John built his 'lodging house' on St Nicholas Road, opposite the site where his brother Frederick would later build Barry House.

William, the second Baron (1835-1891) produced a son with his first wife Emily Idonea Sophia Le Marchant. This marriage in 1865 illustrates the circles in which the Romilly family were moving, as she was the daughter of General Sir John Gaspard Le Marchant of Guernsey.

After upsetting a paraffin lamp in his Hanover Square home, William died along with his maid Blanche Griffin and cook Emma Lovell.

William's son and heir John Gaspard Le Marchant Romilly (1866-1905) succeeded to the title of third Baron Romilly in 1891. In another coincidence of birth, John was born on St David's day as his great grandfather Samuel had been in 1757.

Educated at Eton College, he served in the King's Royal Rifles and was a Lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards at 25 years of age, having decided not to follow the family tradition of the law.

We know that by 1894 John was living in Porthkerry when he announced his engagement to his future wife, which was subsequently broken off.

Just three years later, London society was shocked to hear that John had indeed married Violet Edith Grey-Egerton by 'special licence'. The daughter of Sir Philip le Belward Grey-Egerton was due to wed Ernest Cunard, but dramatically decided to wed the third Baron.

In 1899, the local press announced that Lord and Lady Romilly would be living in Porthkerry after the house had been renovated, but it is not clear whether it was the grand house which is now referred to as Egerton Grey or Porthkerry House, which Edward had built in 1840. John served as a magistrate at Dinas Powys, Barry and Penarth.

Shortly after his wedding, he served in the South African War and then died in 1905 after an operation in Harley Street, leaving a widow and a son and heir who became the fourth Baron at just six years of age.

A memorial service was held at Wellington Barracks, attended by many lords and ladies, including Lady Churchill, surely testament to his standing in society. For his service in the African War he was awarded the Queen's Medal with four clasps and the King's Medal with two clasps.

Following the deaths of the third Baron and Lady Romilly, a special service was held in 1907 at Porthkerry Church to dedicate a magnificent sarcophagus of Genoese marble which can still be seen today. It was erected in memory of them both and although they had been cremated in Woking, their ashes were enclosed here in the churchyard. The Grey-Egertons were in attendance as were most of their tenants and former friends.

William Gaspard Guy Romilly (1899-1983) became the fourth Baron at just six years of age and would inherit his father's share of the Romilly estate 'at majority'. Following tradition, he was privately educated at Eton and then Sandhurst and was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards in World War One. It was later reported in the local press that he intended selling his family interest in the Porthkerry estate.

In an effort to prolong the family peerage, he married three separate ladies between 1929 and 1966, Diana Joan Sackville-West was followed by Dora Sybil Morris and finally Marion Elizabeth Jessie Clover, but sadly no heir was forthcoming.

The title 'Baron Romilly of Barry in Glamorgan' would die with him in 1983, 117 years after his great-grandfather John was first honoured in 1866.

Meanwhile, Frederick Romilly (1810-1887) the younger son of Sir Samuel Romilly, had begun his military career at 16 by joining the 79th Foot Highlanders, rising to Captain by 1835.

In 1841 he was private secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and he finally left the army as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Frederick briefly became the Whig MP for Canterbury in 1850 until the next election in 1852. He was accused of underhand tactics against his opponent Viscount Strangford and this escalated to the point where it became necessary to have a pistol duel to satisfy Frederick's honour.

Duelling only occurred between gentlemen and although the outcome is not known, it was rarely the intention to kill your opponent, but to uphold the family reputation. The Viscount must have been very aggrieved, to risk a duel with a former military man with 20 years' experience.

As further proof of the status of this family, in 1848 Frederick married Elizabeth Amelia Jane Elliot-Murray-Kynynmound, the daughter of the second Earl of Minto. In 1865 he commissioned the building of Barry House on several acres of land overlooking the channel and situated just off St Nicholas Road.

Frederick and his wife obviously enjoyed their time in Barry, choosing to be buried in the graveyard of St Nicholas Church, just 100 yards away from the house.

The Romilly family owned a large estate in and around Barry and Frederick and his wife Elizabeth had their 'country residence' in Barry House, but primarily they spent their time in London.

The fact that they chose to be buried in St Nicholas churchyard is surely testament to the affection they must have felt towards our community, bearing in mind that most of their relatives were buried in London.

Frederick died in London in 1887 and his body was brought first to Barry House and then to the churchyard. His nephew, the second Baron Romilly and his son John Gaspard attended, as did all his tenants and employees.

When Elizabeth died five years later, this procedure was repeated and again when their youngest son Hugh Hastings died of African malarial fever, aged just 36. Their second son Frederick William, who died after an illustrious military career in 1935, was also buried alongside his parents and younger brother.

The church and 'Listed Cross' was restored in 1894 by their surviving sons and daughters, in memory of their parents. The four members of the family are buried together in the centre of the churchyard, which is well maintained to this day.

The church was rebuilt in 1876 at a cost of £900 and could accommodate 120 worshippers, which was initially adequate. After the docks were opened in 1889, such was the population growth, the larger All Saints' Church was built in the mid 1900s just a few hundred yards away,

After the deaths of Frederick and Elizabeth, the direct link between the Romilly family and Barry became more distant.

Their son Samuel Henry (1849-1940) inherited the assets and dealt with the business of the Romilly estate, but he was resident and working as a barrister in London.

It should be remembered that when this family came to Barry/Porthkerry it was just a small village and as they erected buildings, workers began to come from further afield. In the 1840s, Cold Knap/Cole Farm was managed as a home farm for the Romilly estate and a bailiff came from Scotland and a gamekeeper from Northampton. Throughout their time with us, we have seen that several generations made contributions to the growth of our town, even before the opening of the Docks in 1889.

Some of their contributions to our town include: 1840s – landscaped Porthkerry Park and built the sawmill in the Millwood; 1860s – cottages in Old Village Road and the shop on the corner; 1893 – sold an acre of land for Romilly Infants School; 1898 – donated land for Romilly Park; 1904 – leased land for Windsor Road Church; 1929 – sold to the Council for £8,000 an area of 224 acres of Porthkerry and across the beach under Bulls Nose to the 'pebbly' beach.

The Barry Dock News reported that in 1894, the Crown objected to the family having the foreshore rights along Porthkerry to the 'pebbly beach', which gave them extra income by selling the limestone.

It was also reported that in 1900, French was being well taught in Romilly School, possibly some influence by this family with their French origins.

It was surprising to find just how much my life and that of my peers, benefited from the efforts of this illustrious family. As a child, I went to Romilly School just 100 yards from the house where I was born, which was itself only about 100 yards from the 'Yankee dump', which was at the very top end of the Porthkerry estate and where we all played without fear.

As teenagers in the 1950s, we would go to the Romilly Cinema Club on a Saturday morning to see *Tarzan*. In spring, we would be 'down the woods', cutting bows and arrows and bringing home primroses for mam.

In the summer we would be playing tennis in Romilly Park, or swimming at the Knap. On other fine days when 'rich families' would drive to Porthkerry Park, we would become entrepreneurs for the day. At the bottom of Fishpond Hill there was a gate, and also further along by the old cottage there was a second gate. They, of course, needed to be opened and closed to allow the cars to enter and leave. For this service we would be paid pennies and sometimes even a sixpence. Later on there would be the conkers from the 'park', then in October it would be back 'down the woods' chopping down the 'centre pole' and collecting dead branches for the bonfire; and then standing guard for the next few weeks repelling intruders if they attacked.

Postscript: After being Knighted for his service to the country, would Sir Samuel appreciate being remembered in this way at the former Romilly Cinema, 200 years after his demise?

Festival time nearly here

THE annual Dinas Powys Music Festival has begun with a feast of concerts to appeal to just about every taste.

Once again, the Dinas Powys Community Council is sponsoring the school concert on Thursday, May 12. The venue is the parish hall and the event is free to local invited primary schools.

This year there is a 'steel pan' concert run by 'Wadha'. The concert will be interactive and the audience will be encouraged to take part. Although this concert is for pupils, the wider public can enjoy in the open air 'Duo-Flex', a steel pan group on the Twyn in the heart of old Dinas Powys on Saturday, May 14 at 10am. Duo-Flex specialises in Caribbean-style music.

Coun Keith Hatton, chair of the community council finance committee said that the council was again delighted to support the festival.

He said: "We are especially keen to encourage youngsters to enjoy music of all types. It's not every day that there is a steel band performing live in our community."

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Charity music event

MUSIC event organiser Steven Miller from Barry, and Mandy Caddy (Cardiff YMCA Housing Association) are promoting a fundraising gig to raise funds to provide support services and accommodation for the homeless.

The event takes place at the Moon Club, Womanby Street, Cardiff, on Saturday, June 4.

Steve said: "So far 'Tenplusone', 'PizzaTramp', 'UK's Lowest', '[6foot7]', 'The D Teez' and 'Icons of Filth' have signed up to play at the event."

Mandy Caddy said: "Last year, almost 1,000 people came through our doors for help. All were homeless, with nowhere to stay for that night or the foreseeable future… and each with their own individual support needs.

"So we are pulling out every stop to promote this event and get as many people involved as possible."

If you would like to purchase a ticket for the event, you can do so on the door (doors open at 4pm), or directly from the YMCA in Cardiff, via email at *mandy.caddy@ymcacardiff.wales*. Tickets cost £7.

'It's time Barry had own youth choir' – CALL

AN exciting opportunity for young singers in Barry is about to open up with the launch of Young Vale Voices, a mixed youth choir for singers aged between 15 and 21.

Jen Roderick, who recently stepped down as conductor of the Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Youth Choir, has been leading children's and youth choirs for 19 years, would like Barry had its own youth choir.

A spokesperson said: "Choral singing is not only great fun; there is a wonderful sense of teamwork and achievement when all parts flow together in harmony in a live performance before an audience. There is no feeling quite like it!

"Rehearsals will take place at Romilly Primary School on Thursday evenings starting in the new school term in September, but auditions will be held this month to recruit choir members.

"There is no need to be nervous; you may sing a song of your own choice at the audition and no previous choral experience is necessary.

"Simply come along to Romilly Primary School Hall, Romilly Road, on Thursday, May 12 or Thursday, May 19 between 6.30pm and 7.30pm."

Jen has previously conducted choirs at prestigious venues such as Cardiff's St David's Hall, the Birmingham Symphony Hall and at the opening of the Senedd before Her Majesty the Queen, so the choir will be in good hands.

If you would like more information, contact Jen by email at youngvalevoices@gmail.com.

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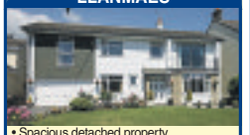

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LEFT: Ben and Dan Jones outstrip a defender as Kenfig Hill earned a valuable victory against Bonymaen. ALL PICTURES BY PETER GILLING.

Heavy Kenfig Hill win ensures league safety

KENFIG HILL completed their league program with a vital and well deserved bonus point victory against Bonymaen, 51-12, in the sunshine at Croft Goch.

The win ensured another season in Division One West Central for the Mules, which had been in doubt for a number of weeks due to too many inconsistent performances.

However, the spirit of the team has never been in doubt and this was evident in this encounter. The Mules dominated a young Bonymaen XV from the outset and scored some excellent tries in the process.

It was pleasing to see fly half Nicky Giles back to his running best, giving a virtuoso performance in the first half including a run in from 70 meters.

Bonymaen played their part with a strong driving maul but the Mules held the edge with their running rugby aided by a firm pitch.

Tries were scored at regular intervals with the highlight in the 80th minute when second row and ex-Muler Ben Jones, who was on permit from Aberavon, burst through a tiring Bonymaen defence to hand the ball to his brother Dan as he crossed the line.

In fact, there were five sets of brothers involved in the day. Shaun and Matthew Burnell occupied the centre berths accompanied by Ben and Dan Jones, prop Matthew Tame and hooker Jay Tame; coach Daryl Harvey and hooker Gareth Harvey, who was on dual from Aberavon, and coach Ryan Giles and outside half Nicky Giles.

Thanks also to another ex-Muler winger Lewis Morgan, who played on permit from Maesteg and helped himself to brace of tries.

This has been a stressful season for players, supporters and coaches alike and head coach Paul Yardley has probably aged 10 years in the process.

However there is enough potential in the club to have a very successful team with an abundance of youthful talent who if they stick at it and support the coaching staff will improve year on year.

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ABOVE: Lewis Morgan makes a break, while BELOW: Shaun and Matthew Burnell look to attack.

Llantwit Major ladies enjoy club competition

WITH the outdoor season starting for the Llantwit Major ladies, and two friendlies under their belts against Llantrisant and Rhoose, the ladies played their first internal competition.

The Harry and Joan Semmens competition is a triples round-robin format of three rounds of five ends. Apart from the cold wind and an odd shower it was an enjoyable afternoon with a welcome hot drink and biscuits at the end.

The triples had been picked from a hat and the teams could decide who was playing in which position. This was not a problem for the side of Edna Hardie, Kay Johnes and Liz Crouch, as even though they were all leads, Liz had shown her skills as a skip in a pairs final last year. This winning trio won by eight clear shots, picking up a couple of 6s on the way.

The other triples were Dilys Hurley, Helen Nixon and Carol Wilmot; Naomi Baelz, Margaret Horgan and Eryl Nichol, and Jeanette Phipps, Maureen Andrews and Julie Molloy.

In playing this competition, some of the ladies had the new experience of measuring, which is not easy when all the bowls have the same club sticker on them!

Well done to the winners and thank you to the other ladies who entered, as we could not have played it without your support.

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Edna Hardie, Kay Johnes and Liz Crouch, winners of the Harry and Joan Semmens competition

First aid course at boxing club

LLANTWIT MAJOR Amateur Boxing Club held a first aid course at the rugby club on Sunday, May 1.

The course was conducted by First Aid Supplies & Training (Wales), or FAST, with a grant from the Vale of Glamorgan Community Chest Panel.

If you are interested in amateur boxing you will be made very welcome at our training sessions - they are held in our well-equipped gymnasium at the rear of the rugby club.

Training sessions are: kids 4.30pm-5.30pm Wednesdays, seniors Mondays and Wednesdays, 5.30pm-8pm.

For more information contact Tony Meakin on 01446796784 or Nicky Dixon on 01446 710527/07970394966.

Pictured above are: (back row left to right): Adam Walters, Karl Jones, Andrew Snowden, Molly Sheehan, Daniel Morgan, Marcus Pearce, Andy Wallace (first aid trainer). Front row: Owen Morris, Matthew Mazzitelli, Tony Meakin (course organiser).

TM

News from Bridgend Bridge Club

THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

Wednesday, April 27: First, Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan; second, Norma and David Newman; third Tony Haworth and Kevin Maddox. The winners on handicap were Norma and David Newman.

Thursday, April 28: First, David Newman and Mari Jones; second, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett; third Geoff and Christine Tinkler. The winners on handicap were Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett.

Friday, April 29: first Simon and Debbie Richards; second, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; third, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones. The winners on handicap were Simon and Debbie Richards.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to begin at 7pm, so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall there is a gentle bridge session. Master points are awarded, but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge.

TG

A DESERVED WIN FOR AFC

LLANTWIT MAJOR AFC turned in an excellent performance against a combative Tredegar side on Saturday.

With a strong wind at their backs the Major swept forward with wave after wave of attacking flair.

Their first reward was a simple tap in from Kris Smith following a parry from the visitors' keeper, and the lead was doubled on 25 minutes as the Major poured on relentless pressure.

In-form Rob Jones weaved a tantalising run from the right wing, coming inside to beat one defender, and ghosting past two others, before rifling into the far corner from the edge of the box.

Tredegar did manage to hit back on 40 minutes against the run of play. It looked offside, but the defensive lapse was severely punished.

Right on half-time the impressive Jon Fletcher missed a gilt-edged chance to restore Llantwit's two goal advantage, as he fired over from 10 yards out when clean through on goal.

With the score 2-1 at half-time, Tredegar fancied their chances of at least a share of the spoils; however, the expected onslaught just did not occur as Llantwit continued to dominate possession.

Luke Cox became more involved and influential, while Max Morgan led the line exceptionally well and the team played with confidence and cohesion.

Lee Jones restored the two goal advantage with a neat finish, lobbing the stranded Tredegar keeper from 30 yards, and the game fizzled out as the Major kept possession of the ball well to nullify the visitors.

A bizarre penalty was awarded for Tredegar in the dying minutes, which was well saved by keeper Jack Landsdown, to keep the final score 3-1.

Llantwit Major AFC remain unbeaten in the Welsh League Division 3 since early February and with seven games to go, anything up to a fourth placed finish is achievable.

DJ

Bowlers shine in the Shield

ON Saturday, April 30, Rhoose Bowls Club welcomed the men of Ogmore Vale for their first encounter in the Carruthers Shield.

On a fine but blustery day the Rhoose men came out with a convincing win overall.

Paul Williams' rink scored 38 shots against seven to Ogmore Vale. One end scored eight shots, resulting in a hotshot for Paul's rink.

Ron Balls' rink scored 23 shots to 16 and Terry Martin's rink scored 9 shots to 21.

Sadly the day was overshadowed with the death of Eddie Morris.

Eddie was a long-time member of the Rhoose Bowls Club and will be missed for his good humour and kindness to all who new him.

Our deepest sympathies go to Margaret, Eddie's wife, and family.

The ladies section also had a good day when they entertained Llantwit Major in a friendly match on Tuesday, April 26.

Dot Gardner's rink scored 31 shots to 6, Rita Craig's rink scored 15 shots to 11 and Jo Hopkins had a narrow loss, 9 to 10 shots; this was mainly due to a player being unwell and Jo then went down to three players.

This resulted in having to lose a quarter of her score.

Hopefully this good start to the season will be maintained throughout the summer.

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Family Notices

CROOK
Paul Alcwyn

Peacefully on April 22, Paul, much loved son of Margaret and the late Brian, brother of Martin and Roy, father of Samuel. He will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at St Michael's Church, Llanmihangel on Tuesday, May 10 at 2pm, followed by interment. Flowers may be sent to Thomas Brothers, Greengate, Ewenny Road, St Bridges Major.

MORRIS
Mary

It is with great sadness that Christopher and Adrian announce the death of their dear mum of Picton Court Care Home, Nottage, Porthcawl, recently of Broadshoard, Cowbridge and formerly of Chase View Lane, Coppenhall, Stafford. Mary died peacefully on April 22.

Her funeral service will be held at 2.15pm on May 11 at Coychurch Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but donations should you wish may be made in Mary's memory to the Stroke Association, Unit 8, Cae Gwyrdd, Tongwynlais, Cardiff, CF15 7AB or Marie Curie Hospice, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

HAYLES
Keith James

It is with great sadness that Dean and David announce the death of Keith who passed away suddenly at home on the April 22.

Funeral service to be held at Barry Crematorium at 2pm on Tuesday, May 10, and afterwards at the Cadoxton Conservative Club, Barry.

Any enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis on 01446 407962.

GEORGE
Morfudd *(née Morris)*

Peacefully on April 25 at Princess of Wales Hospital at the age of 96, beloved wife of the late Emlyn, much loved mother of Anne and Margaret, special mother-in-law to Philip and Raymond, cherished grandmother to Bethan, Rhys, Nadia and Brian, and devoted great grandmother to Joshua and James.

A very special mum who will be missed by all her family and many friends.

Resting at Roy J Larcombe Funeral Home, 477 Cowbridge Road West, Ely, Cardiff, CF5 5TF, until the service on Tuesday, May 10, at Ramoth United Free Church, Cowbridge at 12.45pm, followed by Committal at Coychurch Crematorium.

Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu of flowers may be sent directly to Parkinson's UK, 215 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1V 1EJ.

HALLETT
Terry

Peacefully, with his family by his side, on April 29, Terry, aged 75, much loved husband of Wendy, loving father of Martin, David, Emma, Matthew and the late Allison and adored grandfather.

He will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Friday, May 13 at 11am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be given to Holme Towers, Bridgeman Road, Penarth.

ELLIOTT
Leslie Owen

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital, Penarth on April 22, Les of Clive Road, Barry Island. Dearly beloved husband of the late Marion, much loved dad of Michael and Ann, father-in-law of Maria, cherished grandfather to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until his funeral service in the chapel on Monday, May 9 at 11am, followed by cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry, at 12 noon.

Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers, to Ty Hafan, The Children's Hospice in Wales, Appeals Office, Hayes Road, Sully, CF64 5XX.

GREIG
David

Suddenly on April 27 at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, David (Jock) of Boverton, Llantwit Major. Beloved husband of Elizabeth, dearly loved father of Elizabeth and John, much loved grandfather and great-grandfather.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, May 10, service and cremation 1.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. Family flowers only may be sent to the Funeral Home. Donations in lieu, if desired, may be sent to RAFA c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

LAMBERT
Megan Frances

Suddenly, but peacefully on the April 27 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Megan of Llantwit Major, dearly loved wife of Jim and much loved mother of Helen. She was a loving grandmother to Gemma, Charlotte and Nicholas and great grandmother to Lucas, Isaac and Joseff.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College St, Llantwit Major until the funeral service on Monday, May 9 in Coychurch Crematorium at 2.15pm. Family flowers only, but donations may be made to British Heart Foundation c/o the Funeral Director (cheques only).

JONES
Brian Joseph Alphonso R.I.P.

Peacefully on April 27 in Barry Hospital, Brian aged 80 years of Barry. Beloved husband of Sylvia, cherished dad to Stephen and Carole, much loved granddad to Paul and his wife Dawn, Gareth, Liam, Conor, Daniel and Hannah. Great grandfather to Matthew and Robert. Loving brother of Graham, his sister-in-law Jean, brother-in-law Alf and his late sister Mary.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral mass in St Helens Roman Catholic Church, Barry, on Wednesday, May 11 at 12.45pm, afterwards at Barry Cemetery.

Family flowers only please. Donations if wished, for Marie Curie Cancer Care (Holme Towers) may be sent to the funeral home.

WOODS
Haydn Vincent

Passed away peacefully on April 28. Loving husband, father and grandfather, he will be sadly missed.

Funeral service at St Cadoc's Church, Pendoylan on Thursday, May 12 at 12 noon, followed by private cremation.

MORRIS
Edwin (Eddie)

Peacefully on April 27 at Llandough Hospital, beloved husband of Margaret. Sadly missed by the family.

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DRISCOLL
Patrick (Pat)

Sadly passed away on April 27, 2016. Much loved husband of Iris, devoted father and grandfather.

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Funeral service to be held at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, May 11, at 3pm.

No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, may be made to the British Heart Foundation or Ty Hafan. All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel (029) 2051 4627.

HARRY
William (Bill)

Sadly died on April 30 at the Princess of Wales Hospital Bridgend. Much loved Dad of Jane, Peter, Emma and their families.

The funeral will be held at 1.45.p.m on Thursday, May 12 at Coychurch Crematorium followed by a reception at the West House Hotel, Llantwit Major. Donations, if desired, may be given to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o the Funeral Home (cheques only please) Enquiries to W.A.Brown & Son, College Street, Llantwit Major.

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NICHOLLS
Nick (Dad)

May 11, 2015, one year on.

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Acknowledgements

DODD
Chris

Val and family would like to thank all who attended Chris' funeral, sent cards and shared condolences and kindness. Also, many thanks for donations to the British Red Cross.

EVANS
Craig Michael (Evs)

Roger, June and Ross wish to thank family and friends for the cards, flowers and messages of condolence received.

Sincere thanks to the Rev. Colin Richards for being so kind and caring, special thanks to Craig's daughters and friends who gave their eulogies of Craig. These will live in our memory forever. Special thanks to E Esaias & Son Funeral Directors.

DANDO
Margaret Marie 'Glesni'

John and Glesni Jones would like to thank all staff at Brocastle Manor Care Home for all the wonderful care given to my mother Glesni Dando during the three years of living there. We would like to thank Reverend Dawn Hellard for conducting such a lovely service.

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RHOOSE LIFEGUARDS ENJOY SUCCESS AT CHAMPIONSHIPS!

FOLLOWING a successful series of competition dates at the Welsh Stillwaters earlier in the year, more recently the Nipper and Junior teams from Rhoose Lifeguards competed in the British Surf Life Saving Stillwater Championships.

Competing against teams from across England and Wales, held over two consecutive days at Millfield School near Glasonbury it was a packed weekend for all those competing and spectating.

Saturday saw the Nipper team kick off the weekend of competition. With over 700 kids in attendance and many more family members supporting it was a busy day to say the least.

All of the Nippers were in heats due to the numbers with over 70 kids competing in some age groups. Personal bests were met with some outstanding performances throughout the day.

Huge congratulations to Connie who picked up to gold British Champion medals for her flipper and manikin carry races and to Ruby Phillips for winning bronze in her individual flipper race.

The Nipper team finished in a very respectable 13th place out of the 26 teams taking part.

After a packed day at the Nipper event the Juniors competition took place at Millfield.

With a high number of competitors once again the Juniors were placed in heats for their various events.

Well done to all of those who travelled and took part at the championships but particular thanks go to the 'Nipper Juniors' who competed for both the Nippers on the Saturday and the Juniors on the Sunday.

Special congratulations go to Nipper Junior Emily for winning a gold British Champion medal in her manikin carry with fins race and a bronze in the manikin tow with fins race.

Well done also to Finn for picking up a bronze medal in the Super Lifesaver event, Alex's silver medal in the manikin carry with fins and to the boys and girls relay teams for their bronze medals.

The Junior team finished in seventh place out of the 24 teams competing.

Rhoose Lifeguards would as always like to thank all of the coaches, families and helpers at these events - we couldn't do it without you!

JF

College hosts a hair and beauty show

CARDIFF and Vale College will host the fifth annual Wales Hair and Beauty Show on Sunday, May 8 at its new City Centre Campus.

Wales' only hair and beauty show will be held at Urbasba, one of the largest commercial salons in the country with an urban spa with jacuzzi, steam room, sauna, floatation tank and more.

Organised by the Beauty Finder Group, The Wales Hair and Beauty Show is a showcase for the hairdressing, beauty and well-being industries in Wales and the South West. Visitors and exhibitors attend from across the UK and Ireland.

Show organiser Michael Quinn said. "I look forward to working with the college's hair and beauty team to offer a showcase for the industry in Wales each year."

CAVC head of hair, beauty, spa and complementary therapies, Ceri Evans said: "We are excited to be partnering with the Wales Hair and Beauty Show and hosting the show."

For more information and to book tickets, visit http://www.waleshairandbeautyshow.co.uk/.

Golf season gets under way at Wenvoe Golf Castle Golf Club

Paul Coombs (centre) presenting Rob and Lynda Campbell with their winning prize in the Vaughan Thompson Trophy

Retiring captain Chris Jones (on the right) congratulating new club captain Paul Coombs.

THE new golfing season finally got underway after exceptionally wet conditions throughout the winter months and well into the spring.

April has seen a gradual improvement in conditions and the greenstaff have to be complimented for minimizing the course closures during this difficult period.

Retiring club captain Chris Jones handed over new club captain Paul Coombs at the recent AGM and with little time to get his feet under the table, the busy golf programme was in full swing.

The new captain's charity day in support of Cancer Research Wales will be held on May 28, when it is hoped to raise significant funds for this worthy cause together with many other opportunities throughout the year.

April saw the first of many competitions where the winners will see their names in gold leaf on the honours board and the first to do so was Rowley Brana, who lifted the Coronation Cup with an impressive 5up.

Top scores in the Welsh team handicap qualifier went to Ian Francis, Peter Bayley, Paul Currie and Mike O'Driscoll.

Paul Wheatley won the first stableford competition of the year and Rhys Bagnall posted the best score in opening medal.

The ladies section was also very busy in April with Helen Hughes playing well to win the Ladies GUW Jan Duddridge Rose Bowl and Sheila Morrow winning the Thomson Salver.

In typical May Bank Holiday weather the rain fell heavily but couldn't dampen the spirits of the players taking part in the mixed competition and Rob and Lynda Campbell took the honours with an impressive score in the conditions to win the Vaughan Thompson Trophy.

The club was delighted with the response to the recent membership recruitment drive and there are still opportunities to join.

There a many benefits in taking out membership whether you are an experienced golfer or taking up the game for the first time. Why not ring the club secretary, Nicola Sims, on 02920 594371 or visit the club website, www.wenvoecastlegolfclub.co.uk, to find out more about taking out membership or simply playing the course.

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The Vale of Glamorgan Football League news round-up

CARDIFF AIRPORT won the Barry Cup 3-2 against Wenvoe Arms in a thrilling final.

Skipper Liam Davies bagged a brace to put Airport 2-0 up before Wenvoe's Jacob Santos scored twice to pull them level.

Mikey Hall then bagged the winner as Airport celebrated a league and cup double. Airport's Theo Richards was named man of the match.

Airport had sealed their second successive Vale of Glamorgan Premier Division title last Thursday winning 6-1 against Dinas Powys Athletic. Airport now face a play-off for promotion to the SWFA Alliance League.

On the weekend St Athan sealed the runners up spot with a 6-0 victory over Island Marine while Dinas Powys Athletic bounced back from the midweek defeat with an impressive 4-3 away win against Cowbridge Town.

Penarth Town stunned Barry Athletic with an excellent 5-2 win to take them out of the bottom two.

In Division One Cardiff Airport B held leaders Cogan Coronation 1-1 but it seems only a matter of time before Cogan seal the title.

Vale United notched an important win against promotion rivals Tynewydd, edging them out 1-0 to swap places and go third.

Barry Belgrade got back to winning ways with only their second win in 10 in all competitions with an emphatic 8-2 victory over BVFC.

AFC Rhoose B got an impressive 3-2 win over FC Pumas and Cadoxton Athletic won the 'Caddy derby' 4-2 against Cadoxton Barry as they made it four games without defeat to go fifth.

In Division Two Dockers Reunited won the big game of the day 4-1 against title rivals Barry Athletic B to leapfrog them to the top of the league with two games in hand.

Dockers are now looking like firm favourites for the title now. Fourth place Knap notched a 4-0 win over fifth place Penarth B while St Athan B were held 3-3 by Island Marine B. Finally, bottom side Barry Albion were defeated 6-3 by third place Cadoxton Imps.

HD

Barry Comprehensive reached the sevens tournament final.
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Rugby and cricket news from Barry Comprehensive

PE teacher Alun Jones, Mark Ellis from Barry Athletic Cricket Club, Chris Lewis and headteacher Gerard McNamara with students.

YEAR-7 and 8 students at Barry Comprehensive School were excited to welcome former England cricketer Chris Lewis to the school last week.

The visit was arranged by Barry Athletic Cricket Club and the Professional Cricketers' Association with the aim of attracting more young people to the sport.

Chris, who played for Nottinghamshire, Surrey and Leicestershire, and played in 32 Tests and 53 one day internationals for England, led the 45 students through a series of cricket drills and games.

The presence of an ITV Wales News crew only added to the excitement. Working with Chris really motivated the boys, who responded very positively to the experience.

The school would like to thank Barry Athletic CC, the PCA and especially Chris for an excellent introduction to the sport.

Barry Invitational Sevens

BARRY Comprehensive School joined forces with Barry Rugby Club to host the largest cross border sevens tournament in Wales earlier this year.

The tournament was held at Barry Rugby Club and welcomed 32 of Britain's best under-13 school teams.

Teams from as far afield as Devon, Doncaster, Sutton Coldfield, Cardigan, Llandovery and Monmouth joined a host of local sides including Barry Comprehensive, Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, Ysgol Glantaf, Treorchy, Bryn Tawe and Plasmawr.

Barry Comprehensive reached the main cup final but were beaten by Ysgol Glantaf.

School staff donated their time to run the event, offering food, refreshments and a bar to visitors enjoying a day packed with exciting, first class school rugby.

Thanks to the support of the local community, including sponsorship from local businesses New Broad Street Motors and Macron Store, Cardiff, and great attendance by families and friends, the event was very successful.

Proceeds from the day will help support the school's charity work in Sri Lanka as well as funding the school's rugby programme.

The school would really like to thank Barry Rugby Club for all their help and allowing us to host the event there, showing what a fantastic community club they are.

Barry Central enjoy annual mixed game

DURING the past week members of Barry Central Bowling Club have been working toward improving playing standards.

The newer members are beginning to settle in, and playing a more active role in club life.

On Thursday, the annual ladies and men's match took place.

With the weather being on the cold side the numbers attending the event was on the low side, but the players present had an enjoyable afternoon.

The ladies did the honours, by catering for the male members.

The weekend brought the men's team back to normal with a match against the Millwood A team.

At present, with players on holiday and others unavailable through illness, team selection is a problem, but fixtures are being fulfilled.

Once again the new members played their part in the improved performance of the team.

Results: K. Tanner 15-19; D. Goddard 16.5-13; T. Goddard 12.75-17; T.Kaged 9-21.

This week sees Llantwit Major the visitors on Saturday.

BC

Barry and District Ladies Skittle League results

LATEST results for Barry and District Ladies Skittle League are as follows:

Division One: Bobby's Girls (M Butchers 25) 242, SV Gals (J Richards 27) 274; Colcot Ladies (K Taylor 31) 267, Special Angels (L Mountford 27) 258; Breakaways (B Thursdon, L Bennett 30) 301, Space Finders (M Clark, E Worthy 33) 309; Barry Stars (S Phillips, N Jones 33) 342, Coppers (D Nesbitt 37) 322; Family Affair (C Thomas, J Davies 25) 247, Bakers Dozen (S Davis 29) 253; Family and Friends (C Mathews 26) 248, Cigar Ladies (A McCarthy 22) 227; Castle Bandits (C Kerslake 26) 242, Allsorts (Jean Jones 27) 261.

Division Two: Rhoose Ravers (G Ballow 28) 236, Pila Palas (R Webb 26) 249; Witchill Widows (L Sullivan, C Gregory 34) 318, Cad Con Fillies (S Chillcott 34) 327; S V Lights (D Masterman 33) 280, Castaways (P Clissett 29) 286; Witchill Weebies (S Robinson, S Edwards, T Edwards 33) 348, Vixens (M Marks 35) 319; Clickies (K Watts 39) 315, Little Devils (J Jones 33) 296; Red Admiral (M McCarthy 25) 241, Rhoose Starlights (D Stradling 28) 204; After Eights (C Hayes 27) 268, Merry Makers (M Payne 28) 276.

Division Three: Etcetera (P Tumilty 27) 251, Rugby Triers (S Cogbill 30) 290; Airways Angels J Naish, M Carpenter 23) 219, Hill Billies (E Anzani 25) 191; Twilights (A Campbell 23) 223, Westenders (S Somers, C Gee 25) 234; Dolly Mixtures (L Marsh 23) 214, La Belles (S Davies 29) 226; Roller Coasters (B Maffey 27) 225, Fallen Angels (C Phillips 25) 214; Friends and Neighbours (L Williams 30) 236, S V Ladies (G Davey 26) 248.

Division Four: Aristocats (M Moore 28) 245, Challengers (B Griffiths 27) 244; Nite Outers (B Lowrie 25) 222, Witchill Wanderers (C Reynolds, V Kerslake 25) 169; Hell Raisers (M Nugent 26) 236, Rebels (S Williams 28) 238; Witches (S Beer 27) 245, Uptown Girls (C Miller 30) 271.

We welcome your sports reports, news and other items of interest - email us at *gemeditorial @tindlenews.co.uk*

Penllyn Bridge Club April results

THURSDAY, April 7 (19 pairs):

1st Marian East and Gill Wybrow 64.06%, 2nd John Lord & Jo Ilsley 62.78%, 3rd Moyra Cuthill & Julia Evans 59.69%.

Thursday, April 14 (23 pairs): 1st Julie Evans & Mairwen Edwards 62.22%, 2nd Allan Evans & Keith Price 60.56%, 3rd David & Marian Stephenson 59.17%

Thursday, April 21 (16 pairs): 1st John Lord & Mairwen Edwards 57.47%, 2nd Dot Williams & Anne Sparks 57.14%, 3rd Norma Barber & Moyra Cuthill 56.82%.

Thursday, April 28 (21 pairs), Robert Brown Competition: 1st Marian East & Barbara Easterbrook 61.36%, 2nd Cath Domican & John Hunter 61.11%, 3rd Helen & Mike Ruttley 55.56%.

CN

Under-15s shine in sevens as they win tournament

COWBRIDGE under-15s finished off another very successful season with their first foray into the sevens format of the game.

On Sunday, 10 of the squad travelled to Winscombe Rugby Club, near Weston-Super-Mare, to take part in the Mendip Sevens.

First up for the boys were St Albans RFC, Herts. The boys started extremely well controlling possession of the ball for long periods of time.

The pool games were only five minutes each way, but even in that short period of time the boys won convincingly 33-0. A couple of tries by Harry Ridge were supplemented with tries by Jack Dixon and Ioan Williams. Williams converted four of the tries.

Next up were Newport RFC, Shropshire. Again the boys played controlled seven-a-side rugby, keeping possession and waiting for the gaps to appear. They went one better than their first game by scoring five unanswered tries.

Williams added another, Evan Thomas and Jack Dixon bagged a brace each, and Rowan Allin scored his first of the tournament. Williams converted three of five conversions, final score Cowbridge 35, Newport 0.

With the boys through to the semi-finals, the question was would they finish top of their group or second?

Cowbridge RFC under-15s.

Last up in the group stages were another touring team, Old Coventrians RFC. Strangely, the boys' sublime performances from the first two group stage games deserted them.

Old Coventrians started the stronger and crossed the Cowbridge line for the first time in the tournament. The boys responded well with Dixon scoring a length of the field try, quickly followed by Morgan Johns crossing for his first try of the day; Williams converted.

With the game deteriorating into an arm-wrestle rather than a seven-a-side rugby match, Cowbridge struggled to get out of their own half. Old Coventrians scored next but missed their conversions, so Cowbridge entered the final few minutes with a slender lead, 12-10.

The boys began to lose concentration and were getting more and more frustrated by the Old Coventrians' style of rugby and some lenient refereeing.

With the game into injury time Old Coventrians crossed the Cowbridge line for the third and decisive time to make it 15-12.

In the semi-final, Cowbridge outplayed a Bath side that had breezed their pool games. Cowbridge returned to playing the fantastic seven-a-side rugby they had done in their first two pool stage games and Bath were simply blown away by Cowbridge 27-7.

Dixon scored a hat-trick of brilliant team tries, all of which came from came from moving the ball side to side, stretching the Bath defence.

Only when the opportunity arose did the boys take their chances; each time Dixon found himself with a few metres of space to score wide out on the right wing. Williams then scored his third try of the day, and finally Ben Jones scored his first try of the day to seal the boys' path into the final.

In the final the boys faced Old Coventrians again. With some motivational words from the coaches, and a clear game plan, the boys delivered another excellent display of sevens rugby.

In the first few minutes the boys defended hard with some great tackling from Jack Little and Barny Langton-Cryer.

Following a return from injury in the first game, Dan O'Sullivan made his impact felt, with a strong run and a great offload for Dixon to score the final's first try.

Unlike the pool game, Cowbridge kept their heads and played the perfect game plan. Jones and Little were immense in defence. Thomas and Williams distributed the ball with pace and accuracy, allowing Dixon, Allin and Ridge the space to show their speed.

Old Coventrians continued to pressurise the Cowbridge defence but to no avail. O'Sullivan burst the Old Coventrians defence, and Langton-Cryer was on hand to gather the pop pass and put Dixon in for his second try of the final.

With the game entering the final stages, Williams put a deft chip over the Old Coventrians defence for Ridge to seal the tournament victory, the final score 19-0.

A brilliant performance, well done to the coaches and the whole squad, everyone played a vital role in a great team tournament victory.

Pictured above - back row, from left to right: Kevin Ridge, Jack Dixon, Jack Little (c), Ioan Williams, Harry Ridge, Pete Thomas, Morgan Johns, Barny Langton-Cryer, Steve Williams. Front row, from left to right: Dan O'Sullivan, Ben Jones, Rowan Allin, Evan Thomas.

GJ

Farmers take on the Button!

Winning golfers with president and captain Geraint Davies on the right.

The winning team of Gwyn Thomas, Tim Jarvis, Councillor Ray Thomas and Peter Francis.

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held last Thursday on the challenging Button Course at Cottrell Park Golf Club, crowned Welsh Golf Club of the Year for 2015 and now firmly established with golfers throughout south Wales.

Attracting 38 entries ,all competing for the excellent prizes supplied by local NFU Group Secretaries Julian Kelly, David Harris and Nathan Conlon, just two points separated the top five at the end of a most enjoyable afternoon's golf.

With its breathtaking views across the Bristol Channel to the south the Brecon Beacons to the north and the vast area towards the second Severn crossing to the east, gave the participants the opportunity of taking in quite spectacular scenery.

Dai John, who 24 hours earlier had taken the opportunity of having a practise round with Chris Rooney, Lyn Thomas and mentor Robert Price, finished in fifth place with 31 stableford points just behind Peter Francis, who was making his debut as a member. Mike King, also with 31 points, finished in third place.

A warm weather training session in Italy proved a sound investment for David Williams, who scored 32 points to finish runner-up, just one point behind overall winner Hugh Williams.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were Tim Jarvis, David Williams and Dan Jarvis who also collected the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge sponsored longest drive prize.

Sponsor's representative Robert Jackson, with 31 points, won the section for guests just ahead of Ron Chamberlain, who finished runner-up.

Secretary Tony McCarthy correctly guessed 66 balls would remain out on this rapidly improving course to collect the Premier Turf sponsored bottle of whisky, raising £98 for the Velindre Victory over Cancer campaign.

The NFU team event, requiring two scores on the first six holes, three scores on the next six holes, and all four scores counting on the final six holes was won by Gwyn Thomas, Ray Thomas, Tim Jarvis and Peter Francis, who accumulated 101 points.

Andrew Thomas, Mike King, Dan Jarvis and Ray Howells finished runners-up with 97 points.

In the team of three competition Tosh Taylor, Hugh Williams and Clive Edwards collected first prize with 88 points.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club when members will be holding their annual medal round competition for the Shrieval Trophy, kindly sponsored by Mr Mark Rees and family.

T.McC

Home double for the Reds!

IN their latest league fixture, Cowbridge Town Reds welcomed the Sully Scorpions last Monday evening.

The Reds were looking to make it a hat-trick of wins over the Scorpions having already beaten them this season in the league and cup.

The Reds attacked straight from the off, with early shots Harry Treharne, Ruben Davies and a free kick by Akka Guwy all going close. Midway through the first half Ruben made the breakthrough from a long and accurate goal kick by keeper Aron Kempson, making it 1-0 to the Reds.

A series of attacks by the Reds kept the Scorpions under pressure but the second goal was becoming elusive. The referee blew his whistle for half-time with the score at 1-0 to the Reds.

The second half saw the Reds attacking from the start, with Ruben scoring his second goal from a quickly taken throw in by Harry who was rewarded with his first of the day soon after to make it 3-0. The Reds kept attacking with numerous attempts at goal but were

unable to find a fourth goal. Against the run of play the next score came from the Scorpions, as a deflected shot found the back of the Reds net making it 3-1.

As the match entered its final quarter Akka hit the crossbar from a free kick, but Harry was quick on the follow up and managed to squeeze it past the keeper to make it 4-1.

Finally, Craig added his name to the scoresheet by calmly finishing a through-ball from the Reds defence shortly before the final whistle blew with the score at 5-1 to the Reds.

Saturday saw the visit of Porthkerry Panthers and gave the Reds a chance to avenge their narrow cup final defeat a fortnight earlier.

It was clear from kick-off how much the Reds wanted victory and that the game was going to be played at a high tempo. A goal in the opening minutes from a cross come shot by Steffan Evans saw the Reds take the lead, much to the players and supporters delight.

After some end to end football Craig Tapsfield managed to steer the ball home to secure the Reds second goal inside the first 10 minutes.

With both teams giving their all the Reds' greater will to win saw them start to edge the midfield battle while their defence held strong and goalkeeper Aron Kempson dealt with anything that came his way. Towards the end of the half, Steffan claimed his second of the day by cleverly chipping the ball over the Porthkerry keeper from the edge of the box to make it 3-0 at half-time.

The Reds knew that Porthkerry would not give up and that they had to maintain the same level of performance in the second half. To their credit they started the second period with the same momentum, as did Porthkerry who desperately tried to claw their way back into the game.

It was the Reds' will to win that saw them compete for every ball and this desire eventually brought the first goal of the second half with Craig making a run down the right before sliding the ball home.

Soon after the Reds were awarded a penalty after Harry Treharne was upended in the box following a typical driving run. Craig stepped up and calmly slotted the ball home to claim his hat-trick and to make the score 5-0 to the Reds.

Harry's efforts were rewarded with the next goal after a cross by Ruben, who had skilfully and determinedly kept the ball from going out of play on the right.

With minutes left, Ruben claimed a goal of his own which was just reward for a hard-working performance. However, the best was left until last when, with the seconds ticking away, a goal-bound Porthkerry shot was cleared off the line by Ifor Rees which personified the team's commitment to keeping a clean sheet. The game ended 7-0 and the deserved victory reflected the clinical way the team performed.

Enormous credit must be given to all 16 Reds players who each gave 100 per cent and the sheer determination and will to win of the team was a joy to watch and was fully appreciated by both sets of supporters.

Squad: Finlay Ball, Tom Collingridge, Ben Cooke, Ruben Davies, Steffan Evans, Akka Guwy, Rhys Hardman, Will Harris, Aaron Holcombe, Aron Kempson, Toby Mallett, Tom McCarthy, Benji Mulcahy, Ifor Rees, Jac Roberts, Craig Tapsfield, Edward Thomas, Harry Treharne.

SE

Cowbridge Bowls Club round-up

THE outdoor season started early in April with a number of friendly matches for the ladies and the men. We also had one mixed game.

Later in the month the more competitive matches were played. The men played Penarth at home in the first Munro Cup game of the season. This match was brought forward to accommodate a ladies county game that was played in Cowbridge on May 4.

Penarth proved to be just too good for Cowbridge, and although both teams won on two rinks, Penarth won overall by eight shots.

Rink scores: Gerry Lloyd, Bryan Hole, Byron Richards and Roger Barwick 15-13; Mansel Davey, John Collin, Michael Bradley and Alan Wallace 12-21; Len Taylor, Tom Purnell, Tony Lewis and Dennis Snelling 11-14; Terry Dunsworth, Steve Dodsworth, Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson 21-19.

The ladies played their first Cowbridge challenge match of the season at Pencoed and were beaten on all three rinks and in the match overall by 25 shots.

Rink scores: Lynda Wilson, Dorothy Pritchard, Kay Edwards and Diane Lloyd 8-25; Maggie Penn, Mary Dowdle, Shirley Wilkinson and Pat Holding 10-14; Janet Morton May Jones, Sue Flower and Sylvia Hole 14-18.

Last weekend, the men played their first of four Carruthers Shield matches. The visitors were Caerau Athletic from the Maesteg Valley, and it was a match with a nail-biting finish.

Although Cowbridge won on two of the rinks and drew on one rink Caerau came out on top on the fourth rink. Both teams had a total of 87 shots.

Rink scores: Terry Dunsworth Ron Woolford Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson 26-21; Mansel Davey, Steve Dodsworth, John Jones and Clive Pritchard 20-20; Len Taylor, Byron Richards, Brian Williams and Roger Barwick 13-23; Ron Frayling, Michael Bradley, Peter Launder and Bob Penn 28-23.

MB

Cup final action at Jenner Park

THE past two weekends saw about four Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League finals take place.

On Friday, April 22, in the Year 8 final for the Billy Butlin Cup, Barry Town United beat Island Marine Blues 4-0. Then on Sunday, April 24, in the Year 9 final for the Harry Gratton Cup, Cogan Coronation Juniors beat Sully Sports Reds 3-1.

The Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League would like to thank Gavin Chesterfield and the Gratton family for presenting the winners with the trophies.

On Sunday, May 1, another Cogan Coronation Juniors v Sully Sports final started the day, this time in the Year 10 age group for the Steve Williams Trophy.

The match was being edged by Cogan who managed to get two goals in the first half to take a 2-0 lead into the second half.

A further two unanswered goals in the second were enough for Cogan Coronation Juniors to lift the Steve Williams Trophy. The Cogan goalscorers were Louis Crook, Jordan Jones, Will Parsons and Logan Newcombe.

Barry Town United secretary David Coles presenting Cogan Coronation Juniors captain Louis Crook with the Steve Williams Memorial Trophy.

In the afternoon the traditional final cup match took penultimate spot this year with Cardiff Airport, crowned Premier Division champions after a 6-1 win over Dinas Powys Athletic on the previous Thursday, taking on Wenvoe Arms for the Barry Cup.

Wenvoe were forced into an unforced substitution due to a player being injured, and as with the morning, a two goal cushion saw the tie poised at 2-0 come half-time with Cardiff Airport having the lead.

Wenvoe didn't bow their heads and fought back into the game levelling it with two Jacob Santos goals in the second half, the second with 15 minutes left on the clock.

Cardiff Airport were under pressure but another attack with seven minutes to go saw them net their third, which proved to be the winner.

Cardiff Airport's goals were scored by Liam Davies (with a brace) and Mike Hall. With two trophies in the bag, Cardiff Airport visited Treforest on Wednesday (May 4) night to play Trebanog in the final of the SWFA Intermediate Cup to possibly claim a treble.

Barry Mayor Emma Pritchard handing the Barry Cup to Cardiff Airport captain Liam Davies (above) and the Brian Riseborough Golden Boot to Theo Richards (below).

As with the tradition of the Barry Cup final, the man of the match is awarded the Brian Riseborough Golden Boot, and this year Theo Richards of Cardiff Airport was the worthy recipient.

The delayed ASRS Cup final takes place on Sunday, May 15 at Jenner Park with kick off at 2.15pm between Dinas Powys Athletic and Penarth Town.

MD

Local Olympians come to the 'fore'!

Four Special Olympics Wales golfers travelled to Bicester Golf Club on Monday to take part in the West Midlands regional golf competition.

We set out at 9.30am on Monday arriving at midday when all four undertook some instruction from the golf professional on both the short and long game.

We teed off in dry weather on the way round, but on the course we encountered sun, rain, wind, snow and sleet - typical British weather!

Mathew Sims, a Special Olympics Wales golfer from Cardiff, competed in the 18 hole competition and received third place with a round of 103.

The nine hole competition was split into three divisions as there was a large number of entries - James Savory (Barry) took division 1 with Mark Eveleigh (Barry) coming in fourth place, while division 2 was won by Gareth Lloyd (Barry) with Adrian Abbott (Llantwit Major) receiving a sixth place.

All four golfers play weekly at St Andrews Major Golf Club in Barry, under the watchful eye of golf professional John Hasting.

Special Olympics provide sports training and competition all year round for adults and children with learning disabilities in the Vale.

We also have groups in artistic gymnastics, boccia, bocce and kayaking in Bridgend, and we have swimming in Cardiff, as well as badminton, swimming, indoor bowls and 10 pin bowling - anyone interested should contact Jeff Savory via jeff@specialolympicswales.co.uk or call 0780 316 5581.

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Treble delight for Vale Girls under-14 team

VALE Girls' under-14s completed a remarkable season at the weekend securing the South Wales Girls league under-14 title to make it a treble winning season, having already lifted the South Wales FA Cup and League Cup.

The girls have put in a fantastic effort throughout the season and secured the league title with a game to spare following a battling 5-3 victory away to their closest rivals Plics FC in Pontypool.

Vale went into the game knowing a draw would be enough to secure the league but were given their biggest test of the season against plucky opponents who needed a win to keep their own hopes of beating Vale to the title.

Vale started the game strongly but Pilcs took the lead with a left foot shot to put Vale behind for the first time in a game this season.

To their credit they bounced back superbly, Sian Ress drew a great save by the Pilcs' goalkeeper before hitting the woodwork.

Finally Vale levelled five minutes before half time when Aliyah Jama showed great composure in front of goal firing into the corner.

Vale then went in front on the stroke of half time with a fine team goal. Jama and Rees combined down the left hand side with the ball finding striker Grace Horrell who turned the defender exquisitely and shot into the corner for a 2-1 lead.

Vale continued to push on early in the second half and went 3-1 ahead following an excellent through ball down the left by Holly Jenkins which found Horrell, who went through on goal and calmly slotted the ball over the advancing goalkeeper.

At 3-1 the game seemed won but credit to Pilcs who fought back valiantly with two goals in three minutes to throw the game wide open.

To their credit, Vale composed themselves and grew stronger from the setback and dominated the final 10 minutes of the game.

Horrell grabbed her hat-trick, and the team's fourth goal, shooting home after captain Daisy Connolly's header came back off the bar.

Striker Erin Prynne was then rewarded for her work rate tapping home a fifth goal in the last minute to secure the league.

It has been a successful week for the club following success in the under-13 league also. Vale Dragons secured the runners-up place in the Premier Division and the Vale Caerau team won the Championship Division in their final match of the season.

In addition the under-16 girls will contest the League Cup final in the next week to round off the most successful season for the club to date.

U14 squad: Mae Atkins, Ruth Stanley, Daisy Connolly (c), Phoebe Williams, Holly Jenkins, Rebecca Gentles, Maisy Gibbs, Kate Spargo, Grace Corne, Anais Trinci, Olivia Townsend, Sophie Hawkins, Megan Sully, Aliyah Jama, Grace Horrell, Sian Rees, Erin Prynne. **LW**

Girls just love the Atomic Touch Festival

The girls try their hand at Atomic Touch.

THE Atomic Touch festival returned to Barry this year, as girls tried their hand at the sport.

On Wednesday, April 20, year-5 and 6 girls from seven local primary schools, gathered at Holm View Leisure Centre to try their hand at Atomic Touch, a fast-paced game that has similarities to touch rugby, netball and ultimate frisbee.

It was created as a way of encouraging more children to get involved with touch rugby.

In total, 80 girls attended the festival.

Sophie Wilkinson, active young people officer, said: "The Atomic Touch festival has been a fantastic event held over the past two years.

"It provides local girls with the opportunity to try rugby in a fun environment without the pressure of tackling or passing backwards."

Any girls interested in playing Touch Rugby can contact the Phoenix Touch Club, who train every Friday, by emailing phoenixtouch@gmx.co.uk for more information.

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Beavers enjoy medal haul!

BARRY Beavers travelled to Carmarthen Leisure Centre on Saturday, April 23, to compete against six other Welsh clubs and came second overall.

The gold medalists were: Abigail Finch/Heidi Boswell/Gareth Lloyd.

Silver medalists were: Andrew Sage/Katie Rosser/Louis Davies/Heather Williams/Ffion Jones.

Bronze medallists were: Keira Richards/Callum Savory/Jack Kemp/Sophie Woodham/Tyler Savory/Sarah Davies and junior relay - Tyler/Ffion/Jack/Abby.

Other swimmers who all got into the final and improved their times were: Faye Sage/Adam Lawrence/Suzanne Haslam/Philip Daly/Sophie Harris/Kyle Siirak/Mark Eveleigh/Nick Cushen.

We all had a great day – thank you to our two helpers that who also competed in the helper's race, Becky-Mae Lawrence and Chris Economides.

Our next gala is May 14 at Ebbw Vale Sports Centre and hopefully another full bus made up with supporters! **NC**

ALL SQUARE FOR COWBRIDGE CC FIRST TEAM

STEPPING up to the First Division of the South Wales Cricket Association was always going to be a significant challenge for Cowbridge - and so it proved last Saturday.

In the opening fixture the first XI had to settle for a draw at Tata Steel CC after the hosts posted 274-4 and Cowbridge replied with 208-8.

Taking the field under new skipper Chris Willey the first XI were under pressure as Tata worked the ball around and without taking undue risks, amassed a very healthy total.

The pick of the Cowbridge bowlers were Sam Russell (2-45) and Jake George who brought control to bear on proceedings.

It's not often that such a big score is chased successfully in mid summer let alone a bright but cold day at the end of April.

Although at 42-1 things were proceeding satisfactorily, the fall of Ben Wright (28) made the target seem a long way off.

Cowbridge's subsequent batsmen, Mike Lloyd (63), Jack Harris (47) and Chris Willey (38) all batted well and the target became increasingly academic. It was a nervy end that saw three wickets fall for the last 10 runs but Cowbridge eventually got to safety.

It is early days yet but the visit of Dafen to the Athletic Ground on Saturday already assumes some importance in the club's challenge for the promotion spot.

The second XI, under Jon Smart, enjoyed an eight wicket win over Porthcawl.

The visitors batted first and were dismissed for 114. Cowbridge's opening bowlers John Gilbert and Heath Webb both took three wickets. Will Harris and Lewis Sevenoaks bowling also caught the eye before Ian Evans claimed two to wrap up the innings.

Debutant David Gascoyne (67 not out) and Jonty Webb (38) put Cowbridge well on the way to victory which was achieved in the 20th over.

It was an excellent victory that suggests that after a couple of difficult seasons the second XI might be a force in the months to come. **JRB**

Tredegar Farmers' Point-to-Point takes place next Sunday

THE inaugural running of the Welsh Long Distance Men's Open Race, over three miles and five furlongs, will take place at the Tredegar Farmers Hunt Point-to-Point Steeplechases over the popular Lower Machen Racecourse next Sunday.

There are 16 entries and these include the legendary *Rosies Peacock,* who chalked-up another win at the Banwen Miners Hunt Steeplechases on May Day Bank Holiday Monday when beating the favourite *Cygnet* by a length in an exciting finish.

BoyFromNowhere, a former inmate of Rebecca Curtis' yard, who was a first fence faller in that race is also entered. Others include *C Me In Oz*, a two lengths winner of the restricted race at the Glamorgan, *Fence Me In, Sheriff Hutton* and *Thomas Junior.*

Racing gets under way at 2pm with the Subara Restricted race and of the 21 entries, *Shanks A Lot, Sandeel Bay* and *Glenteeneasaigh*, who was an eight lengths' winner under Welsh champion John Mathias of the open maiden race at the Tivyside and Carmarthen meeting catch the eye.

This eight-year-old grey gelding made all the running on that occasion and can do so again this time.

There are just eight entries for the confined race run over a distance of two-and-a-half miles and these include *Captain Camelot*, a six lengths winner of the restricted at the South Pembrokeshire and *Nicholasville,* who lost his maiden tag when winning at the West Wales area meeting in January and who won a restricted under 16-year-old Lorcan Williams at the Ystrad Taf Fechan when beating *Princess Tina* by six lengths and *Mr Sawyer*.

The 17 entries for the ladies' open race include recent winners *Patricktom Boru* and *Highly Unlikely*.

Others of note include *Harpsy Cord, Lauberhorn* who, like *Watch The Birdie*, has proved disappointing this season, *Bay Central* and *Get It On*.

There are 10 horses down to face the starter in the open maiden over two-and-half miles for four, five and six-year-olds, and Roger Willcox will be hoping that his *Another Stella*, who finished a distance behind *Live For To Day* at the Glamorgan, will have made some improvement since then.

Steel Native, Basher Brian and *Tinctoria* are three others that are entered.

Of the 28 down to run in the open maiden race, Sarah Price's nine-year-old chestnut gelding *An Cor,* who has found one too good for him in his last three or four starts, should be given one more chance.

Earth Tremor, Family Crisis, The Mobile Man and *Cool Valley* are also down to run in this race.

Contact Brian Lee on 02920 736438.

Faletau earns writers' award

RUGBY'S 'Mr Consistency', Dragons' Taulupe Faletau, has been voted player of the year by Welsh rugby scribes, with another ever-present in the Wales national squad, Jamie Roberts (Harlequins) the runner-up.

In a ballot, they selected Blues' Ellis Jenkins as most promising player in Wales, with Ospreys' Sam Davies runner-up.

Their choice for best player in Premiership was Ronnie Kynes of Ebbw Vale, with Rhodri Davies, of Llandovery, the runner-up.

The prestigious awards will be presented at the 42nd annual dinner of the Welsh Rugby Writers' Association in Cardiff on September 1. **DON JOHN**

Heavy defeat for Millwood bowling team

VISITING Dinas Powys for this Carruthers Cup game, Millwood Bowls Club came up against a dominant team who won the game by a very hefty 50 shots, 101-51.

At the fifth end, Millwood found that they had a tough game ahead as they were trailing by 12 shots to 25.

Unfortunately the game swung even further away from Millwood at the 10th end because Dinas Powys had taken a 24 shot lead by leading 27-51.

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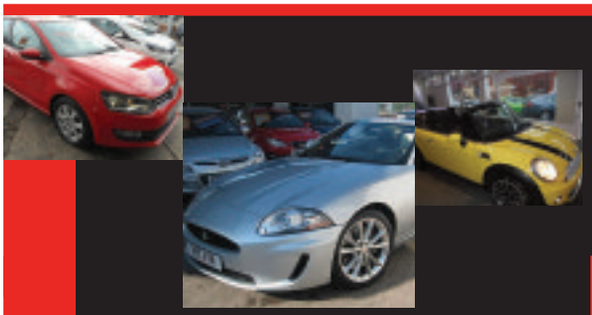

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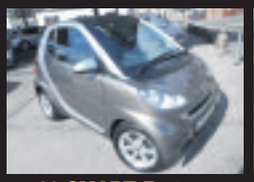

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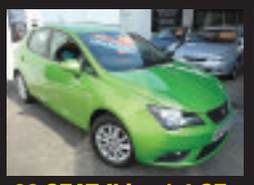

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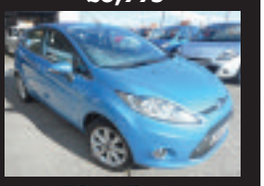

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A grading success for Barry YMCA gymnasts

TEN YMCA Barry gymnasts were delighted when they passed their British gradings recently.

To pass their grading, the gymnasts had to perform a series of skills during routines on vaults, bars, beam, floor and range and conditioning.

Four gymnasts successfully passed their first grading during the South Central Area Grades.

Hana Davies took part in the In Age event where she gained a distinction in grade 6. She also won medals for placing first on vault, second on range and floor, second on beam and a sixth place ribbon on bars.

She also claimed the overall silver medal, securing a coveted space representing the South Central area at the Welsh Grade 6 Finals where she helped the team to second place and a respectable individual seventh place overall.

Daisy Hill, Lacey Williams and Ruby Price all took part in the Out of Age grade 6 event. They all gained highly commended.

There was also success for each of them on individual apparatus with Daisy claiming third on beam, fifth on floor, Lacey gaining fifth on vault, fourth on range and fifth on beam and Ruby came sixth on beam, fifth on range, sixth on bars and an overall position of sixth place. The team of Daisy, Lacey and Ruby were also crowned the team champions.

In the Out of Age Grade 5 category Chloe Williams and Yazmin Michael both gained highly commended.

Chloe also was crowned the overall champion with fifth on bars, third beam and second on floor. Yazmin also achieved the individual third overall, third on bars, first on beam and fifth on range.

Ruby Karim worked hard to gain the skills required to pass her Grade 4 and her hard work was rewarded when she gained her pass.

Celyn Powell and Sophia Foscolo both learnt new skills to achieve highly commended in their grade 3 whilst Bria Karim's dedication paid dividends when she gained a highly commended in her grade 2.

Congratulations to all gymnasts and thank you to all of the coaches at YMCA Barry for their hard work and dedication to the gymnasts, and for giving up their time to judge and coach at the events.

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Great Billy Boston joins League Hall of Fame

WALES rugby league legend Billy Boston has at last received what he's wanted for most of his life – a Welsh cap.

The 81-year old was in attendance at the recent inaugural Wales rugby league Hall of Fame dinner, where he, along with fellow Cardiffian Gus Risman became the first two inductees.

Due to a lack of professional Welsh rugby players at the time of Boston's career, there were only three Wales games played during that period – two full internationals against France and one exhibition game against France B. Boston was injured for the first two but did play in the France B game.

Boston, who scored 571 tries in 564 appearances his career, the second highest all-time try scorer in the history of the game after Brian Bevan, was capped 31 times for Great Britain scoring 24 tries. He was the first non-white player to be selected to tour Australia and New Zealand.

Wales Rugby League's president Mike Nicholas paid tribute to Billy Boston on the night.

Nicholas said: "I had two big heroes when I grew up, one was John Charles and one was Billy Boston. They were people's players, they travelled on the bus to games and they were very much of the people and Billy was one of the reasons that I got into rugby league.

"I was privileged to be at Wembley when they unveiled the statue of Billy, Gus and the other players and I'm delighted to induct him into the Wales rugby league hall of fame."

Nicholas presented Boston with his Hall of Fame trophy while former Wales player and coach Iestyn Harris presented him with his Welsh cap.

Boston then presented Warrington and Wales star twins Rhys and Ben Evans with their 2013 Welsh caps that they hadn't yet received, and also to Morgan Knowles, who won his first cap last year in the European Championships.

Gus Risman, who died in 1994 aged 83, was represented by his son John, who played for Wales in the 1970s.

Mike Nicholas and Billy Boston (Picture by David Walker).

Winner of 18 Welsh caps, he also won 17 Great Britain caps, captaining the 1946 'Indomitable' tourists of Australia, and guested for England in a promotional international in France.

In total Gus's playing career reads 828 appearances, 203 tries, 1,623 goals, 3,855 points.

John Risman said: "Thank you very much on behalf of my father. It's a wonderful acknowledgement to his career. He was a fervent Welshman and enjoyed every minute of his involvement with Wales Rugby League. He would have been truly honoured and delighted with this."

Gus Risman's award was presented to John by Wales Rugby League chairman Brian Juliff who played alongside John for Wales.

Juliff said: "Just to see Billy Boston with us tonight is such a pleasure. It was fantastic to honour him and Gus Risman as our first two hall of fame inductees.

"I'm good friends with his son John and I had great pleasure with presenting John with his father's award. Also, to have the current Wales side here as the European Champions, made it an amazing night."

Most of the 2015 Wales squad were in attendance and they were presented with their winners medals from their successful 2015 European Championship campaign where they beat Ireland, Scotland and France to win the trophy.

Wales coach John Kear said: "They didn't have a formal medal presentation last year after the European Championship, and we felt that after all the effort that the players put in, they deserved this. I'd like to thank the Wales Rugby League governing body and the sponsors for organising the night.

"We at Wales Rugby League, like to create a professional environment that rewards people, but it's about making memories and playing for the pride of your country, not about what goes in your bank balance.

"The players' commitment last year was phenomenal, and when you're sat in a room with Billy Boston and you remember Gus Risman and what these great players have done, you feel very humble. It's a privilege to be a part of Wales Rugby League and this was a special night."

Wales captain Craig Kopczak was awarded the trophy for the Welsh international Player of the Year for 2015.

Kopczak said: "Winning the European Championship was a fantastic achievement this was for Wales. I feel privileged to captain Wales and represent my country. It's a real honour to win something like this.

"We're getting stronger and stronger and I'm sure there's bigger things to come for Wales with the World Cup just around the corner."

Wales take on Serbia on Saturday, October 15, at Parc Stebonheath, Llanelli in the first game of their 2017 Rugby League World Cup qualifying campaign.

Tickets will be available soon from http://www.walesrugbyleague.co.uk/wales/match_tickets.

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Barrivale Bridge Club results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for April 26:

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Vital win sees Athletic take steps to safety

BRIDGEND Athletic visited Glynneath for their final match of the 2015-2016 Championship campaign.

It was one of the most important games in the history of both clubs, with the outcome probably deciding which of the teams were relegated this season.

Both sides started the game on 39 points so it was, for the Athletic, a win or bust game. Glynneath, with three further games left all against top Championship sides, saw this as their best opportunity to avoid the drop.

In a match that left both sets of supporters feeling both high and low emotions throughout the fixture, the Athletic came out on top by 30 points to 23.

Glynneath kicked off into a slight breeze. Athletic captain Sean Williams caught the ball and passed to scrum half Jake Williams. Williams put in a high up and under which was dropped by the Glynneath defence.

Outside half Jonathen Phillips gathered and made ground before being tackled, Glynneath infringed at the ruck. Phillips made them pay by kicking the 40 metre penalty to give the Athletic the best possible start.

The Athletic pack were tearing into the Glynneath defence with Griff Davies and Tom Penry-Ellis and Stuart Edbrook making telling carries.

After only five minutes the pressure forced Glynneath to again infringe at a ruck. Phillips duly obliged with his second penalty to put the Athletic 6-0 ahead.

Both sides were electing to run out of defence which made for an attractive open game. After 10 minutes the Athletic declined to kick a penalty for goal, opting to try their luck from a five metre line out.

Their initial drive was halted but the forwards, through Nathan Holman, Matt Muir and Lewis Davies, made a series of thrusts at the Glynneath try line. The ball was then recycled to the backs.

Outside half Phillips made a break to breach the defence before the ball travelled via Jake Williams to centre Lewis Davies, who showed strength to force his way over the whitewash.

This was his sixth try of the season and took his points tally to 160; Phillips converted to stretch his side's lead to 13-0.

Glynneath fought back and after 20 minutes reduced the deficit to 13-6 with two penalties from outside half Jake O'Reilly. The Athletic responded when another five metre lineout drive saw the forwards driving their way to the try line.

Flanker Ben Howe picked up and drove straight through the middle to become the Athletic's leading try scorer with seven for the season. Phillips again converted to open up a 20-6 advantage.

The Athletic were now well on top of a shell-shocked Glynneath and giving the ball plenty of air. Wings Dan Howells and Gareth Rees and centre Ryan Owen and full back Mark Bennet were all prominent in attacking moves.

After 35 minutes the Athletic were awarded a penalty 15 metres out in front of the Glynneath posts. Outside half Phillips noticed their defence had switched off anticipating his kick at goal.

He took a quick tap penalty and transferred the ball via Ryan Owen to flanker Sean Williams, who ran over unopposed for his sixth try of the season. Phillips converted to take his side into half-time with a 27-6 advantage.

If the Athletic supporters thought the game was won they had a rude awakening at the start of the second half.

The wind had increased in strength during the interval and Glynneath came out with a revised game plan. They abandoned their all-out 15-man style of play and adopted a forward-based game, kicking with the wind for territory, and pressuring the Athletic inside their own half.

Within five minutes they set up a driving maul from a five metre lineout for Huw Wilks to cross; O'Reilly converted.

The Athletic responded from the restart and were awarded a penalty which Phillips converted to open up a 30-13 lead.

Glynneath immediately hit back with a carbon copy of their first try with Wilks again crossing to make it 30-18. It was no surprise on the hour mark when Glynneath's continued pressure brought a third try when they created an overlap for Josh Jones to cross wide out to reduce the deficit to a converted try at 30-23.

A draw would have seen the Athletic relegated. The Athletic supporters had their hearts in their mouth with the one-way traffic towards their try line for the last 20 minutes.

Heroic defending kept them out as replacement scrum half Aled Thomas and lock Jonathon Stoker were brought on.

Finally, former Wales No 8 and Athletic coach Gavin Thomas brought himself on for the final 10 minutes to add his experience to the rearguard action.

In the final minute Glynneath had one final opportunity from a five metre line out which they had profited from on two earlier occasions. The Athletic managed to halt the drive just short of the try line and held up the Glynneath forwards to win a scrum as the final play.

Holman successfully hooked the ball and outside half Phillips put the ball into touch to the extreme relief of the team, coaches and supporters.

The Athletic are not out of the woods yet as Glynneath need four points from their remaining three games. However two of those are away at promoted Bargoed and champions Merthyr.

Their final game, against RGC, is on May 14, when the Athletic are holding their player of the year evening at the Athletic clubhouse.

AB

Threadbare Pencoed squad are defeated by Ammanford

WITH their playing resources stretched to the limit due to unavailability, Pencoed RFC fielded a number of former players in their matchday squad in order to fulfil this Division 1 West Central match aganinst Ammanford at the Recreation ground.

Pencoed started well and opened the scoring when scrum half Grant Hall fed wing Gareth Dyer on the blindside of a close up scrum, Dyer breaking a number of tackles to score in the corner; Adam Williams added the conversion.

The visitors levelled matters when driving play from their pack saw loose head prop Davies get the touchdown, fly half Price converting.

Pencoed returned to the attack and Hall broke wide from a scrum before feeding inside for supporting hooker Sion Crocker to cross and the home side led 12-7.

This was how matters stayed until, approaching the interval, the visitors countered for right wing Pritchard to race over wide out. Price added the conversion and the visitors went into the break leading 12-14, Pencoed having enjoyed the best of the territorial exchanges.

With play to and fro early in the second half, and with both sides going through the phases, Pencoed picked up a yellow card and Ammanford capitalized immediately with tries to extend their lead to 12-26.

Hall then dummied his way over to keep Pencoed in the match, Williams converting to cut the deficit to 19-26.

However despite the home side's best efforts, the visitors sealed victory with a 70 metre try, and their three second half tries - from centre Owens, a second from Pritchard, and replacement Baker - saw them to a 19-33 victory against a gallant home side.

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ABOVE: Gareth Dyer and (below) Sean Crocker in action.
PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK.

Late, late show seals second place for Penybont under-18s!

PENYBONT under-18s ended a successful season with a hard-fought win over Llangwynwyd; this victory confirmed second place for Penybont in the west division of the South Wales Youth League.

The match was played in tricky conditions with heavy rain falling throughout the 90 minutes, and this stopped both teams from playing their best football.

Llangynwyd looked dangerous on the counterattack and the most likely team to open the scoring after a few near misses.

Penybont did have their chances though and came close to scoring through Ciaran Roberts, who had several shots blocked off the line.

Three minutes before halftime, the deadlock was broken. A Llangynwyd long ball caught the Penybont defence out of position and the away side capitalised by slotting home to lead 1-0 at half-time.

The second half was a quiet affair for the most part but the deciding moments came in the last 10 minutes of the match. Eight minutes from time, Penybont equalised after an Oliver Waagenes free kick was turned in off the back of captain Ben Davies, who has been in good goalscoring form of late.

Moments later, Penybont goalkeeer Callum Swinford made a save of the highest order after tipping a header from point blank range over the bar to keep the scores level.

Swinford's save then proved to be even more vital, after Penybont scored a late winner through the lively Josh Jones, whose shot was palmed into the goal by the Llangynwyd goalkeeper, to earn a 2-1 win.

Overall, Penybont were rewarded for their resilience against a decent Llangynwyd team.

All in all, this been a great season for Penybont who enjoyed a spell of 15 games unbeaten earlier in the season as well as reaching the semi-final of the South Wales Youth Cup - well done!

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Rhys finishes under-par in China

BRIDGEND golfer Rhys Davies finished on six under par but had to be content with a share of 53rd place in the Volvo China Open.

He shot rounds of 71, 68, 73 and 70 to finish on a total of 282.

That won him €10,264 to add to total winnings since turning professional in 2007 of around €2.5 million, with five tournament wins.

Born in Edinburgh, 30-year-old Davies is ranked 360th in the world and is attached to the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club.

MP

Bridge club battle for pivot trophy

PORTHCAWL Bridge Club has held its annual club pivot teams championship for the Mollie Hart Trophy.

In a pivot teams competition, via a somewhat complicated movement, each member of the team-of-four partners each other member in turn (*results below*).

Latest results from the club are:

Saturday, April 16: First – Maurice & Margaret Harris; Second – John Beard & Tony Haworth. Thursday, April 21, Club AGM: First – Terry Dolan & Roger Plant; Second – Emer Disley & Betty Longley.

Saturday, April 23: First – Roger Plant & Betty Longley; Second – Dil Evans & Roger Draper. Thursday, April 29, Mollie Hart pivot teams: First – Rob Charlesworth; John Beard; Keith Davison; Tony Haworth; Second – Janet Richards; Roger Draper; Dil & Marian Evans.

The club meets twice a week, Saturday and Thursday at the Awel-y-Mor centre, 6.45pm-9.45pm - visitors welcome at any time.

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